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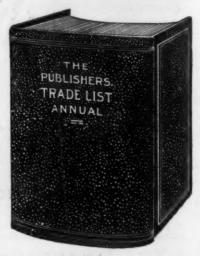
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"I hold every man a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves, by way of amends, to be a help and ornament thereunto."—BACON.

THE BOOK PARCEL POST.

THE extension of the parcel post to packages containing books, in connection with the decrease of rate and increase of weight limits, proposed by the Postmaster-General and made effective by the sanction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is a decided step forward in postal progress, despite the uncertainties or incidental steps backward involved in the plan as stated.

To booksellers seeking to develop a local trade, especially in the country neighborhoods surrounding them, to publishers in supplying booksellers or direct customers by mail within the near zones, and to local libraries, especially those supplying patrons on rural delivery routes or in suburban neighborhoods, the change is helpful and encouraging in a high degree. While it may encourage mail competition within these near zones, it should result in greatly strengthening the local center, either book store or library, by facilitating distribution, and it should stimulate the local dealer to emphasize to possible patrons within a reasonable radius, the convenience and desirability of making personal selection at the book store or placing continuing orders. The sending of books on approval will be greatly facilitated by the double reduction in cost, that is of outgoing and returning parcels. The particulars of this change are given elsewhere in this issue and we have compiled a table, which should be of especial value to shipping departments, of the new rates, effective from March 16, 1914, on parcels containing books.

The weight limit, formerly four pounds (except for single books which might be sent of any weight) is practically abolished by the raising of the weight limit to fifty pounds within the near and twenty pounds for the far

zones. For all book parcels up to half a pound, the old rate is preserved. Throughout the second zone, that is, within 150 miles, the changes are all decreases. For the sixth, seventh and eighth zones, that is, distances over a thousand miles, the parcel post rates are throughout higher than the present book rates. Within the third, fourth and fifth zones, that is, from 150 to 1,000 miles, the rates are mostly decreases, but the failure to provide fractional rates above the first half pound makes a slight increase in the third zone on books weighing ten ounces, in the fourth zone for books weighing ten or twelve ounces, and again for those weighing eighteen or twenty ounces, in the fifth zone for those weighing ten to fourteen ounces and again from eighteen to twenty-six ounces. These curious incidental facts are shown in the table which we give, covering each two-ounce stage up to two pounds, half-pound stages up to the old booklimit of four pounds, and for five, ten and twenty pounds.

It is unfortunate that the Postmaster-General did not include in his recommendations a fractional rate above the first half pound, which would have remedied the incidental difficulties. It is unfortunate also that he did not provide specifically what the booktrade unanimously desired, the continuing of the present book rate on distances above a thousand miles, which would have obviated the increase made from eight cents-at extreme distances-to as high as twelve cents a pound. The express companies have shown that this is a possible rate by adopting an express "book rate" of eight cents a pound for all distances, without limit of weight for book parcels not valued at above \$10. If the express companies are so foolish as to take temporary advantage of the post office change by increasing their rate to twelve cents for the Pacific Coast, this will only assure earlier adoption of the eight cent rate for parcel post.

A curious result of these rates will be that the mail order houses making large catalogues will be obliged to send at express book rates for the farther zones or to divide their catalogues into sections within eight ounces each.

There remains, however, considerable uncertainty as to the rate on books where the old third class rate is lower. It was evidently the intent of the Postmaster-General to take books altogether out of the third class, and the reference by the Interstate Commerce Commission to catalogues goes to show that catalogues are intended to be classed in this respect with books. There was some question

whether the Postmaster-General had authority to reclassify outside the parcel post, but the construction of the act which the Attorney-General is understood to have made gives the Postmaster-General such authority and this holds unless and until the courts decide otherwise. But the Postmaster-General has not in terms taken books out of the third class, and this third class seems still to remain in existence for printed matter other than books. It is possible therefore, that books may still be mailable beyond a thousand miles at the old rate of one cent for two ounces, though probably postmasters will be instructed by the department to rate such parcels up to parcel post figures.

In short we congratulate the Postmaster-General and the public alike on the great step forward, and express the regret of those concerned with books that the points of exception we have noted were not covered in the recommendation, as we hope may be done at an early date.

No one seems to have called attention to one incidental result of the last parcel post rate decreases. By them the rates in the second zone were apparantly made identical throughout with those in the first zone, the second zone being in effect abolished and the limits of the first zone extended to the 150 mile radius. It is hardly probable that this result was overlooked by the Post Office Department, but, unless it was, it seems strange that such an incongruity in nomenclature—for that is what it amounts to-was not corrected. The zone system is complicated enough at best: any simplification, especially in the direction of reducing the number of zones, should be eagerly seized upon.

WE reprint elsewhere from the daily press, as a matter of fair play in hearing the other side, the interviews with representatives of the Macy house regarding the Supreme Court decision which have appeared in the daily press. With what the Macy representatives have to say as to the value of a local book store in a town, we heartily concur, though unfortunately we cannot take the view that underselling by a department store helps in that direction. That the Macys have never sold below the price which books have cost them is a statement which will certainly surprise publishers who know the price at which they have sold some books on which department stores have made special cut rates for advertising purposes. The general assumption is repeated that the cut prices on books may be taken by the public as a fair sample of the advantage to be had in dealing on other lines with a department store. As we have before pointed out, if the profit, or lack of profit, on cut prices in books were actually the rule in other lines, the great fortunes accumulated by department store owners would not have existed and profits would have been reduced to the vanishing point. The Macy house has naturally taken advantage of the Supreme Court decision for advertising purposes and has printed a flamboyant advertisement of cut rates on copyright books. Of these prices, which do not compare with the cut rates advertised during the progress of the Macy case, it is true that books can be bought at wholesale below that rate; but it is also true that cut prices on books, at this or at even lesser cuts, do not allow sufficient margin for the high cost of dealing in books as such and that this method if applied in other departments would be simply ruinous.

MANY public libraries are at this season of the year showing exhibits of children's books suitable for Christmas purchase. A typical one is being given in the children's room at the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, at Forty-second Street. The selections have been carefully made by the library, the books and pictures being graded, for youngsters from the picture-book age up. A collection of fairy tales is one interesting feature, and there are also collections of poetry and songs. While perhaps not always on so elaborate a scale, public libraries are going increasingly into exhibits such as this which -to use the popular phrase-play directly into the bookseller's hands. He may well be alert to cooperate with his local librarian in such work.

BOOKS ADMITTED TO PARCEL POST.

NEW MEASURE GOES INTO EFFECT—PUBLISHERS' PROTEST HEEDED IN PART—WILL EFFECT LARGE REDUCTIONS ON LOCAL BOOK DELIVERY COSTS.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL BURLESON'S proposed plan to extend the parcel post service to printed matter was approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission December 6th.

At the same time the weight limits of parcel post packages in the first and second zones are increased from twenty to fifty pounds, and rates in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth zones are reduced.

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The maximum weight of parcels to all zones beyond the second was increased from eleven to twenty pounds. The approved changes in rates, in effect Jan. 1, 1914, follow:

REDUCTIONS IN RATES

To reduce the rates for the third zone from 7 cents for the first pound and 5 cents for each additional pound to 6 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fourth zone from 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound to 7 cents for the first pound and 4 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from 9 cents for the first pound and 7 cents for each additional pound to 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from 10 cents for the first pound and 9 cents for each additional pound to 9 cents for the first pound and 8 cents for each additional

"It seems obvious," says Chairman Clark of the commission in a letter to Postmaster-General Burleson, "that the service to the public will be promoted by these changes provided that the revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Your exper-

Serious objections to the proposed change in the rates on books and catalogues were made chiefly by the various mail order houses and others doing long distance business, but the commission says it feels that the changes are in the interest of the public generally.

"The Postmaster-General issued an order effective Aug. 15th last increasing the weight limit in the first and second zones from 11 to 20 pounds and materially reducing the rates of postage for these zones, and stated at that time that this step was in the nature of an experiment," said a statement issued by the Post Office Department. "After these changes had been in operation for some time a record was kept of the number of parcels handled in a large number of representative Post Offices throughout the United States and the reports received from these offices show



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ience and statistics seem to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service.

"We can conceive of no opposition to the increased weight and reduced rates proposed except from the carriers that transport the mails. We have had some objections from them on the ground that the increased weight should not be permitted until provision for additional compensation to the carriers has been made."

CHEAPER RATE FOR BOOKS.

It is provided by the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the commission, "that the rate of postage on parcels containing books weighing eight ounces or less shall be I cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof, and that on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the zone parcel post rates shall apply." This is to be effective March 16 1914.

that the changes in the service have been greatly appreciated by the public.

INCREASED 16 PER CENT.

"The number of parcels handled in the first and second zones since these changes became effective show an increase of approximately 16 per cent. The average weight limit has also increased from 1.02 to 1.7 pounds per parcel, and notwithstanding the great reduction in rates in the first and second zones the average postage has increased per parcel from 7.7 cents to 10 cents."

The statement says of the change relating to books that it "has strongly been urged by circulating libraries, schools, colleges, and publishers ever since the establishment of the parcel post service," as the present restrictive weight limit and rates on books are prohibitive to a great extent except in the case of catalogues," and that "it was not deemed

advisable to place the order changing the classification of books in effect on Jan. Ist, as it was desired to give at least three months' notice to firms whose catalogues were now being printed."

Printed matter, including catalogues and booklets, weighing less than half a pound each, are not affected by the change, they being still mailable, at the two ounces for a cent rate.

SOME EXPRESS RATES LOWER

In a few cases the present express rates (as brought down by parcel post competition) are still lower than the parcel post itself. For instance: a twenty-pound package by parcel post to Chicago, 960 miles from New York, would cost \$1.22. An express company would send the same package for \$1. By parcel post a twenty pound package to Omaha about 1,400 miles away, would cost \$1.61. The express companies would send the same package for \$1.30. A twenty-pound parcel by the post to Denver, about 1,800 miles would cost \$2.01, by express \$2. On the other hand an express company would charge \$2.85 to send a twenty-pound package to San Francisco, 3,138 miles from New York. By parcel post the same package would cost \$2.40.

It must be remembered that the express company rates hold good only until February 1st, when, in compliance with an Interstate Commerce Commission ruling, there will be a material reduction. The express business will probably also be put on the zone system like the parcel post.

MACY & CO. REPLY ON BOOK DECISION.

IN A NEWSPAPER STATEMENT INSIST THAT METHODS OF PUBLISHERS WERE THOSE OF A MONOPOLY TO RESTRAIN TRADE—CLAIM PRICE-CUTTING NEVER HARMED SMALL SHOPS.

The statement made by G. H. Putnam of the Publishers' Association, to the effect that the association was never a trust or a monopoly; that its regulations were designed solely to protect the small booksellers, and that the only result of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the R. H. Macy & Co. case would be to lessen the opportunities of book buyers, was combatted in a statement made last Saturday by the members of the Macy firm and published in Sunday's New York Times.

BOOKSELLERS SECRETLY SYMPATHIZED WITH MACY.

A member of the firm said that small booksellers all over the country were, as a matter of fact, really in sympathy with Macy's in its fight against the publishers. The small dealers helped Macy's to get book supplies, he said.

"It is absurd to contend that the department stores in the big cities will ruin the small book shops," he continued. "In the first place, the postage on a volume eats up a great deal of the profit if it is paid by the dealer. If the purchaser pays the postage he will invariably prefer to get the book he wants in the local book store. Then, too, the local

book store is a town institution. People of culture gather there. They know the dealer, and the latter knows them. The people in the towns and small cities of the country never come to New York for the purpose of looking over the books in a department store.

"I am at a loss to understand what Mr. Putnam meant in the statement made to The Times, that the Publishers' Association was never an organization in restraint of trade, and that, therefore, it should never have been classed with the trusts or monopolies under the ban of the Sherman law. The methods pursued by the association to keep Macy's from getting books were typical of monopolistic tactics in other directions. With them it was a case of rule or ruin.

"The question at issue is of far greater importance than the mere selling of books. It has been the Macy contention that the secret of successful merchandising lies in keeping down to the lowest possible point the cost of an article to the ultimate consumer. If it has been possible for Macy's to cut the cost of distribution, then we should not be restrained from passing on to the consumer a share of these benefits. In other words, if we can sell cheaper than some or all of our competitors and still make a satisfactory profit we should not be compelled to do otherwise, either by the Publishers' Association or any other combination of producers or manufacturers."

PUBLISHERS' AGREÉMENTS" REPUGNANT TO SHERMAN LAW."

Edmond E. Wise, counsel for R. H. Macy & Co., said that he had not read Mr. Putnam's statement in *The Times*, but that he had read a statement in *The Evening Post*, credited to Mr. Putnam. "They are," said Mr. Wise, "practically the same, as I am informed Mr. Putnam has condensed the publishers' brief. A sufficient answer to his statement is found in the opinion of the Supreme Court. He says the Publishers' Association was not a trust. The Supreme Court says that it was the creation of a number of publishers, whose agreements were clearly repugnant to the Sherman anti-trust law.

"In fact, every court which ruled on the Macy case condemned the association and its resolutions. Even the Court of Appeals of this State, which decided in favor of the association (which decision has just been upset by the Supreme Court), held its resolutions, in part at least, unlawful.

"I understand Mr. Putnam to say that the the publishers adopted the system of European countries. If my memory serves me right counsel for the publishers stated in open court that the resolutions adopted were based on the agreements of the National Druggist Association, which provided for reduced prices on patent medicine.

reduced prices on patent medicine.

Miss E. L. Kinnear, the buyer of books for Macy's during the period of the war with the Publishers' Association, said:

Publishers' Association, said:
"It had been our custom to sell copyrighted, as well as uncopyrighted, books at a satisfactory profit to us, which, however, was usually 10 per cent. below the restricted

NEW AND OLD POSTAL RATES ON BOOKS

A comparative table showing, for packages of printed matter of various weights, the present postal rates and the new parcel post rates going into effect March 16th next. In general rates to points within 600 miles show considerable reductions, especially on heavy parcels, points over 1000 miles show increases.

Parcel post figures denoting decreases from the present rate are shown in this table in italics, increases in black face, unchanged rates in Roman.

Books Weighing.	2 oz.	4 0z.	6 oz.	8 0z.	10 oz.	12 oz.	14 oz.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb. 1 & 6 l	11/2 1 11/2 8 11bs.	1 lb. 1 & 10 &	4 11b. 1	1 lb. & 14 or.	lbs.	2½ 1bs.	3 lbs.	3½ 1bs.	4 lbs.	5 lbs.	10 lbs.	20 lbs.	Weight Limit
Present Book Rates.	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	90.	.07	80.	60.	10	11:	.12	.13	14	.15	91.	.20	.24	.28	.32	.40	.80	1.60	4 lbs.; except for single volumes
Parcel Post Rates After March 16th.																			1 1			1		
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Zone: Zone Rate: (Within 50 mile radius.)	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.05	.06	90.	90.	90.	90:	90.	90.	90	90	90:	.07	.07	80.	80.	60.	.14	48.	50 lbs.
2d Zone: (Within 150 mile radius.) (i.e., New York to Philadelphia, Albany or Springheld, Mass., or Chicago to Milwaukee.)	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	90.	90.	90.	90.	90:	90:	90	90.	90	90.	90	.07	.07	80:	80.	60:	14	18:	50 lbs.
3d Zone: (Within 300 mile radius.) (i.e., New York to Boston or Wash- ington; or Chicago to Detroit or San Francisco to Santa Barbara.)		.01 .02	.03	.04	.04 .06	90.	90.	90.	80.	80:	80.	90.	90.	80.	80.	80.	.10	.10	128	92	17	48.	44.	20 lbs.
4th Zone: (Within 600 mile radius.) (i.e., New York to as far west as Cincinnati; or Chicago, to Omaha; or San Francisco to Salt Lake City.)	.01	.02	.03	.04 .07		.07	.07	.07	=	11	1	11.	11.	. 11.		. 11	.16	. 15	. 61	61.	85	84.	85.	20. Ibs
5th Zone: (Within 1000 mile radius.) (s.e., New York to as far west as St. Paul or St. Louis, Chicago to Denser; San Francisco to Denser.)	.01	.02	.03		.04 .08	86.	80.	80.	.14	14	41.	14.	1.	14 .I.	4	174	20	08	98	98	95 95	89.	1.88	20 lbs.
6th Zone: (Within 1400 mile radius.) (s.e., New York to Omaha: Chicago to Salt Lake City; or Portland to Omaha.)	.01	.02	.03	.04	.00	.00	. 60	60.	.17	17	.17.	1. 71.	17 .1	1. 71.	1. 71.	N	.25	.25	.33	.33	4.	.81	1.61	20 lbs.
7th Zone: (Within 1800 mile radius.) (i.e., New York or Boston to Denser; or Portland to Chicago.)	.01	.02	.03	.03 .04 .11		=	=	=	717	217	21.2	21 .21	12. 11		12. 12.		31 .3	31 .4	4.	14.	1 15.	1.01	2.01	20 lbs.
8th Zone: (Above 1800 miles.)	.01	.01 .02 .03 .04 .12 .12	.03	.04	.12	12	12	.12	24	.24	.24	.24 .24	4 .24		.24 .24		.36 .3	.36 .4	84.	84.	1 09.	1.20 2	2.40	20 lbs.

price, this being in line with the store's general policy. I was told that unless I changed my method of pricing I could get no more books, from the members of the Publishers' Association. I replied that our method of pricing was the same as when I entered the department as a girl of fourteen.

MACY'S HAD EIGHTEEN SECRET AGENTS BUYING BOOKS.

"When I found that I was boycotted, I set to work to obtain books by other means. I could not buy them in the firm's name, nor



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in my own name, from the publishers. But I was assisted by relatives and friends and at one time I had eighteen branches buying books and turning them over to me.

"I found booksellers as far South as Texas and as far West as Denver, who were in sympathy with me. They would buy books and ship them to Macy's. We had agents of this kind all over the country. When the trust succeeded in locating a dealer who was selling me books, he would be notified to stop that sort of thing or be driven out of business. Some of them were actually driven out of business, but the great majority, of course, refused to ruin themselves in order to aid Macy's. The small book dealers who bought books for us could purchase them only in lots of fifty. They were obliged to pay the highest price charged by the trust to dealers. Of course, we had to pay each dealer a commission. If we could have bought direct from the publishers we would have saved the commission and in addition secured the low price charged for books in 1,000 volume lots.

"We even went to the extreme of opening book stores in other cities in order to get books. We would stock up these stores and reship to New York. I lived at that time in Chelsea Village, convenient to the old store in Fourteenth Street. Detectives watched my house day and night. They even tried to induce the postman to show them my letters, in order that they might learn where they were mailed.

NEVER SOLD BOOKS AT A LOSS.

"I was compelled many times to advance people thousands of dollars before I could get

books. When the commission and the freight charges were paid the price was never far from the price at which we sold the books. But it is not true that we ever sold books at a loss. We sold them, of course, at a loss of profit, but never at less than they cost us in order to attract people to the store."

"THE UNPOPULAR REVIEW."

HENRY HOLT & Co. announce that they are about to publish the January number of a new quarterly, The Unpopular Review. "They have been led to it" in the words of "because their whimsical announcement, there are afloat such an unprecedented number of agreeable fallacies, that there is great need for the dissemination of some disagreeable truths, and they expect to do enough of that to make their Review unpopular among that large majority of the public which is fond of the agreeable fallacies." There is room, however, to hope for popularity with the remaining minority, from whom doctrine sometimes spreads. "Most of the fallacies now popular," it says, "depend upon vague notions that the republic can prosper with one law for the rich and another for the poor; that something can be had for nothing; that it is unnecessary to better the man in order permanently to better his estate; that the march of progress should be tuned to the pace of the slowest; that policies can rise higher than their source; and that wisdom can be attained by the counting of noses.

"Economic and political matters will be the chief interests of the *Review*, but all good interests are more or less directly allied, and whenever its way touches general philosophy, rational religion, science, literature, and the arts, the *Review* will not be slow to gain from them variety as well as illumination, especially on the too frequent occasions when disagreeable truths should be told regarding them.

"Science is now dealing with new and astounding developments in matter, force, and mind, which promise to revolutionize our ideas of the universe, and possibly to substitute new props for religion in place of those which were disturbed in the last century. As hopeful aids to the social betterment, these developments will be carefully followed.

"While realizing the terrible need of disagreeable truth, the *Review* also realizes that no publication always fault-finding and pessimistic, can be influential; and on this account alone it will dwell upon remedies more gladly than defects; and as, despite much that is false and ugly and evil, the world on the whole is true and beautiful and good, the general attitude will be optimistic—spontaneously, though cautiously, optimistic.

though cautiously, optimistic.

"General conditions will be dealt with more than immediate issues; and principles of conduct apt to forestall exigencies, more than temporary remedies for the exigencies that arise. The principles will be sought more in History than in speculation, but illustrations from recent experience will be preferred to those from remote.

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MEMORIAL MEETING ON DEATH OF GILMAN H. TUCKER.

IN RESPONSE to a call for a meeting of publishers at the Aldine Club, at two o'clock, Monday afternoon, December 8th, to take appropriate notice of the death on November 14th of Gilman H. Tucker, who was director and secretary of the American Book Co., and for more than fifty years was actively identified with the school book publishing business, there were present Messrs. George A. Plimpton and R. S. Thomas, of Ginn & Company; Charles Scrib-ner, of Charles Scribner's Sons; Charles E. Merrill, of Charles E. Merrill Company; William E. Pulsifer and Isaac Van Houten, of D. C. Heath & Company; W. W. Appleton, of D. Appleton & Company; Everett Yeaw, of Newson & Company; Edward Mills, of Longmans, Green & Company; Casper Hodgson, of the World Book Company; F. D. Beattys, of Frank D. Beattys & Co.; Mr.

Anderson, of Rand, McNally & Co.; Mr. Nelson, of the Macmillan Company; Mr. Goodwin, of Silver, Burdett & Company; and C. L. Patton. Mr. Plimpton was chosen to preside, and Mr. Yeaw to act as secretary.

Among those who spoke appreciatively of Mr. Tucker's life, character, and service, were Mr. Charles Scribner, Chas. E. Merrill, W. W. Appleton, W. E. Pulsifer, and C. L.

On motion of Mr. Scribner, it was voted that the chairman of the meeting appoint a committee of five, with himself as chairman, to draft resolutions expressing the sentiment of the publishers. The chair thereupon appointed Messrs. W. W. Appleton, Charles Scribner, Chas. E. Merrill, and W. E. Pulsifer. On motion the meeting adjourned.

LEONA DALRYMPLE WINS REILLY & BRITTON \$10,000 PRIZE.

The busiest place in Passaic, New Jersey, these days, is the residence of State Assemblyman and former Judge George H. Dalrymple, 45 Summer Street, and the busiest person in town is Miss Leona Dalrymple, the Judge's daughter, who on December 10th received a ten-thousand-dollar check for her manuscript submitted in the story-writing contest conducted by Reilly & Britton, of Chicago.

"Diane, of the Green Van," is the title of the story of gypsy life, love and adventure, which Miss Ida Tarbell and Samuel S. McClure decided to be the best out of a thousand stories offered in the contest.

"How does it feel to be a successful author?" Miss Dalrymple repeated when the question was asked her, "I can hardly tell you; you see, I have been successful so short a time that I hardly realize yet it is real. Of course I hoped to win the prize when I went into the contest, but I really didn't count on it, and when September 1st, the time for the closing of the contest, came and went and two months afterwards elapsed, I had really given up hope. Then Mr. Reilly telegraphed a few days ago to ask if he could see me yesterday afternoon. I hardly dared believe then that I had won the prize, and thought it more likely he wanted to offer me something for one of my unsuccessful manuscripts. I am very happy though and so are father and mother and all my friends."

The story of "Diane of the Red Van" deals

The story of "Diane of the Red Van" deals with the adventures of a party of amateur gypsies, who started from New York in a green van and after several months of trekking, wound up in the Florida everglades where they found mysteries, villainy and excitement enough to make a very lively plot, the interest of which is said to last to the end of the story.

"No, I have never been in the Florida everglades," said Miss Dalrymple, when asked how she came to write about this mysterious section. "Isn't it funny, Mr. Reilly, my publisher, has been, and he complimented me on my splendid description of the everglades. The only time I have ever been away from home was a few years ago when father took me on a trip to the Niagara Falls. The fact is, I have lived with books all my life. Father has the largest library in town and I have read all his books. When I was eleven years old I wrote my first successful book. It was a real novel, too, about the pirates of the Spanish Main. It was funny, too, although nobody seemed to appreciate it, and then when I was in my freshman year at the Passaic High School I won the prize for an imaginary story of the life of old 'Scrooge.' I did write a novel a few years ago and had it published, but it wasn't the best seller by any means. I like writing though, and have written for newspapers and magazines."

Miss Dalrymple is very well known in Passaic where she plays the organ in the little Unitarian Church, and for a number of years has been writing amateur plays, several of which have been produced for charity.

Frank K. Reilly, of the publishing firm that

paid Miss Dalrymple the ten-thousand-dollar prize was interviewed at the Imperial Hotel. "I think we've got a big winner in "Diane of the Green Van," he said. "All the readers and critics who have seen the story, declare that it is bound to be a big hit." The tenthousand-dollar prize we offered, is the biggest cash award that has ever been paid for a single prize winning story in the history of literature, and I am very much pleased and gratified that it was won by a young woman who is practically unknown in the literary field. I predict, however, that she will not be unknown for long. One of the critics who read this story declared that it would be an American 'Prisoner of Zenda.'"

It may be worth noting that the only New York paper to mention the name of the Reilly & Britton Company in connection with the contest was the *Herald*.

SIR GILBERT PARKER SUES FILM COMPANIES FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

SIR GILBERT PARKER, author of "The Right of Way," etc., brought a copyright infringement suit last week Friday in the federal District Court in New York city against the Société Française des Films et Cinematographs "Eclair," a French corporation, which has a place of business here; the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, the Universal Film Exchange, John Doe, Richard Roe and other moving picture proprietors.

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He alleges that the defendants are infringing his rights and causing damage to his profits and royalties by manufacturing, selling, dealing in and licensing a set of motion pictures known as "The Superior Law," which he declares is an infringement of his copyright covering "The Right of Way." He asks for an injunction, an accounting and the seizure of the alleged infringing films.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SOME MERCHANDISING MATHEMATICS, II.

Boston, Dec. 2, 1913.

Editor of the Publisher's Weekly:

Do you realize that: The purchases for the month of October, 1912, of a prominent retail store, transacting a volume of business sufficient to secure the

best rates of discount amounted to .345% of net books at a discount fo 30% or less, .057% of regular books at a discount to 30% or less, .057% of regular books at 40% discount and periodicals (not including daily and Sunday papers) at an average of 20% and amounting to 10% or an aggregate of 50% of total purchase without possibility of profit if retailed?

October is a month when a larger proportion of the purchases of net books are at 33 1/3 discount or slightly more for quantities, B. Net books at 1/10 discount.

Marked down books at a loss. D. Second-hand books at an unknown percentage of profit,

the gross profit shown was .207% reduced by the return of 15% of the books, to a net profit of .159%? The expense for clerical work and loss on stock returned, although sometimes purchased expressly for the buyer, and sold the following year at a loss, cannot be computed.



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than is possible in any other month. Books so bought with a few regular books constituted the remaining 50% of the total.

Do you realize that:

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of 39c. or .302 %?

Do you realize that sales to schools, colleges, libraries, institutions and booksellers, would have reduced possible net prices by 10% and the selling prices of regular books by 20%?

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Do you realize the importance of reading the trade journal and especially the communications which portray the drawbacks to bookselling as generally conducted, or misconducted, as the case may be.
Yours truly,

W. B. CLARKE.

OBITUARY NOTES.

HARRY F. DAVIS, proprietor of the Davis Book Store, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Pittsburgh, died December 2d at Colorado Springs, Col., after a lingering illness. He was the son of R. S. Davis, also a prominent business man of Pittsburgh. Mr. Davis was born December 13, 1859, in Allegheny, now the North Side. He received his early now the North Side. education in the public schools and in 1875 entered the Western University of Pennsylvania. He left the university in his junior year and entered his father's store. From that time he was connected with the book business. In 1880 he enlisted in Company G Eighteenth Regiment. At the opening of the Spanish-American war Mr. Davis wrote to the governor asking that he might be transferred from the retired list to the active. In 1904 he was elected secretary of the American Booksellers' Association, which office he held for four years. He was for years an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and was also active in promoting the Greater Pittsburgh Bill, and in the Political Reform movement. Mr. Davis leaves his widow, one son and two daughters.

HENRY THORPE, a specialist in rare books, especially on angling and sporting, died Monday at his home, 448 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, N. Y., in his seventy-third year. He came to Brooklyn from England, his birthplace, in 1862, and has lived there ever since. He was a firm supporter of Henry Ward Beecher at the time of his trial. In the employ of J. Sabin & Sons, dealers in fine and rare books, he acquired a taste and knowledge which led him subsequently to carry on the business at his home, where he issued catalogues. He gained a reputation for knowledge and fair dealing and sold many valuable libraries. Perhaps the finest was that of the late John Hecksher, for which he made the descriptive catalogue. He was secretary of the Long Island Sportsmen's Association and of the Fountain Gun Club, and in 1886 published "Rod and Gun," the poems of Isaac McClellan, the Long Island sportsman-poet. He wrote much for sporting papers. He leaves a widow and seven children.

PERSONAL NOTES.

WM. G. PRESTON, formerly with Dodd Mead & Co. has been appointed Advertising Manager of *The Nation* New York.

PERIODICAL NOTES.

It is reported that *Puck*, the comic weekly whose motto is "What Fools These Mortals Be," is for sale, and that offers have been received from three parties, one of them being Irving Bachelles. An earlier report that the paper had been sold to The Masses, the Socialist Monthly, is denied by Morris Hillquit, counsel for the estates of Joseph Keppler and Adolph Schwarzmann, joint founders of Puck.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

Cosmo Hamilton, in "The Door That Has No Key," has written a life-story romantically

-the story of two people who get married in haste and recognize one another at leisure. The George H. Doran Co. are the publishers.

THE FOLLOWING books were published December 12th by the John Lane Company: 'Celtic Memories and other Poems," by Norreys Jephson O'Conor. A volume of original verse by an Irish-American. "The Lonely Dancer," by Richard Le Gallienne, and "The Knave of Hearts," by Arthur Symons, the collected works of this important poet from

1894-1908.

Two IMPORTANT Scribner publications are listed for December: "American and English Studies," by Whitelaw Reid, collecting some of the ripest reflections of the late distinof the ripest reflections of the late distinguished editor and diplomat on subjects of wide public interest, and "History of Religions," by George F. Moore, histories of the religions of China, Japan, Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, India, Persia, Greece, and Rome.

WHEN on August 4, 1913, Joseph Knowles, the Boston artist, entered the wilderness of Maine, he took with him none of the trappings of civilization-no motor car, no telephoneindeed no firearms, matches nor knives, and no clothes. In fact, he went one better than Diogenes by discarding even his tub. In "Alone in the Wilderness," published to-day by Small, Maynard & Co., he describes his experiences, how he made fires, what he ate and where he got it, how he caught fish, and killed animals with his hands alone. His book is illustrated with drawings on birch bark made by the author in the woods with burnt sticks from his fires, together with photographs taken before and after his ex-

On another page we reprint a photograph of the interior of the new Davis Book shop in Pittsburg. The shop is now owned by T. Edward Jones, who succeeded Harry S. Davis, of R. S. Davis & Son. Mr. Davis, one of the best known and best liked men in the trade, died last week in Colorado. A more extended notice of his death will be found elsewhere in this issue. "Ed" Jones, as he is familiarly this issue. "Ed" Jones, as he is familiarly and affectionately known in the trade, had been buyer at Kaufmann's seventeen years, where his unfailing courtesy to the book-buying public, as well as to the traveling salesman, has won for him a host of friends and made certain the success which is his as successor to Harry Davis, whom ill-heath had compelled to retire from business. Mr. Jones aims to have "the cleanest store in Pittsburg

and, judging from its picture, he has succeeded. BUSINESS NOTES.

-an honor that should go to a book store,

FLORENCE, S. C.-Mr. Lightheart has opened a new book and novelty store here. LODI, CAL.—H. B. Stannard has opened a new book and stationery store.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—The H. P. Moss Book Store has been purchased by the J. Gale Ebert Company.

SAN JOSE, CAL.—J. P. Crossley has purchased the stationery and book business of F. J. Hallowell.

Weekly Record of New Publications

The entry is transcribed from title page when the book is sent by publisher for record. Books received, unless of minoritance, are given descriptive annotation. Prices are added except when not supplied by publisher or obtainable only on specific request. The abbreviations are usually self-explanatory. c. indicates that the book is copyrighted; if the copyright date differs from the imprint date, the year of copyright is added. Where not specified the binding is cloth. A colon after initial designates the most usual given name, as: A: Augustus; B: Benjamin; C: Charles; D: David; E: Edward; F: Frederick; G: George; H: Henry; I: Isaac; J: John; L: Louis; N: Nicholas; P: Peter; R: Richard; S: Samuel; T: Thomas; W: William.

Sizes are indicated as follows: F. (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q. (4to: under 30 cm.); O. (8vo: 25 cm.); D. (12mo: 20 cm.); S. (16mo: 17½ cm.); T. (24mo: 15 cm.); Tl. (32mo: 12½ cm.); Fe. (48mo: 10 cm.); Sq., obl., nar., designate square, oblong, narrow. For books not received sizes are given in Roman numerals, 4°, 8°, etc.

Abraham, G: D. Motor ways in lakeland; with 24 il. and a map. N. Y., Scribner.

The whole of the Lake Country in England is available for motor touring and author here gives information and descriptions from his own experience of journeying through this beautiful country in an automobile. Index.

Book of the Dead. The papyrus of Ani; a reproduction in facsimile; ed., with hiero-glyphic transcript, tr. and introd. by E. A. Wallis Budge; pub. by permission of the trustees of the British Museum. In 3 v. N. Y., Putnam. various p. col. fold pls.

O. \$12.50 n., bxd.

This papyrus is the largest and most perfect, and best illuminated of all the papyri containing copies of the Theban Recension of the Book of the Dead. It was written between B. C. 1500 and B. C. 1350, and is in the British Museum. V. I contains an introduction giving a general description and discussion of the work; V. 2 is made up of the hieroglyphic transcript; V. 3 has the colored facsimile plates.

Braley, Burton. Sonnets of a suffragette; including also Love sonnets of a manicure; Love lyrics of a shop girl; Love lyrics of a chauffeur. Chic., Browne & Howell. c. no paging. S. bds., \$1 n.

Brieux, Eug. Blanchette and The escape; two plays, with preface by H. L. Mencken; tr. from the French by F: Eisemann. Bost., Luce. c. 36+240 p. D. \$1.25 n.

Brooke, Geoffrey. Training young horses to jump; preface by Col. J. Vaughan. N. Y., Dutton. c. 12+120 p. il. col. pls. 8°, \$1.50

Burton, Marion Le Roy, D.D. Our intellectual attitude in an age of criticism. Bost.,

Pilgrim. c. 266 p. D. \$1.25 n.

Attempt to set forth concisely and definitely a worthy and tenable intellectual point of view for this age of doubt. It treats of the question of authority, gives a brief exposition of the basic and essential beliefs in regard to man, God, and Christ.

Chatfield-Taylor, Hobart Chatfield. Goldoni; a biography; il. from the paintings of Pietro

a Diography; il. from the paintings of Pietro and Allessandro Longhi. N. Y., Duffield. C. 17+695 p. (23 p. bibl.) O. \$4 n. Companion volume to author's "Molière." Tells story of Goldoni's life and traces the main currents of his prolific work for the stage of his day. He wrote nearly 300 plays and libretti—"Le donne curiose" being best known to English opera goers—and his efforts covered practically the entire realm of the drama. He was, however, eminent only as a writer of comedy and particular stress is laid upon his work in this field. Index.

Constant, Alphonse Louis, (Eliphas Levi, pseud.) The history of magic; including a clear and precise exposition of its procedure, its rites and its mysteries; tr., with a preface and notes by Arth: E. Waite; the original

il. are included and pors. of the author.

N. Y., Scribner. c. 21+536 p. O. \$6 n.

Author was born in Paris in 1810, studied for the priesthood, but never attained full orders. His history of magic, while sometimes inaccurate is still full of information and is written in an entertaining style. He

follows his subject from its fabulous sources down to his own time. Index.

Craven, Eliz., Baroness, (Margravine of Anspach and Bayreuth and Princess Berke-Baroness, (Margravine of ley.) The beautiful Lady Craven; the original memoirs of Elizabeth Baroness Craven, afterwards Margravine of Anspach and Bayreuth and Princess Berkeley of the Holy Roman Empire, (1750-1828); ed. with notes and a biographical and historical introd. containing much unpublished matter by A. M. Broadley, and Lewis Melville; with 48 illustrations. In 2 v. N. Y., J: Lane. 143+141; 10+306 p. (4 p. bibl.) O. \$7.50 n.

A woman of great beauty and charm, Lady Craven had many admirers and heart-adventures. Her portrait was painted by Romney, Reynold, Angelica Kaufmann, Mme. Le Brun and other artists of her day, so that her face is familiar to us, these memoirs give a picture of her character which had a large share of the fraility of her age. She knew many famous people of whom the age. She knew many famous people of whom the reader gets glimpses in these pages. Index.

Elwin, Rev. E: F. India and the Indians. [N. Y., Scribner.] 11+352 p. pls. pors. O. \$3.75 n.

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A residence of a number of years in India has convinced the author that India is waking up and that it is the responsibility of the English to see that the awakening is to the advantage of the country and its inhabitants. An understanding of the people is necessary and it is to help toward this that book is written. Tells of the art, music, meals, hospitality, games, books of India, as well as the character of the people, religion, labor, in fact all the phases of life which have come under author's personal observation. Index,

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. Journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson; with annotations; ed. by E: Waldo Emerson and Waldo Emerson Forbes. [V. 9,] 1856-1863. Bost., Houghton Mifflin. c. 22+581 p. pors. D. \$1.75 n. This volume is largely concerned with national affairs in which Mr. Emerson took a deep interest, and no inactive part. The Kansas-Nebraska bill, the John Brown raid, Lincoln's election and Mr. Emerson's visit to Washington during the war are recorded with glimpses of Lincoln, Seward, Chase and others.

Findlater, Mary W. Betty Musgrave. N. Y., Dutton. 304 p. 12°, \$1.35 n.

A narrow way. N. Y., Dutton. 304 p. 12°, \$1.35 n.

Fraser, Donald. Winning a primitive people; sixteen years of missionary work among the warlike tribe of the Ngoni and the Sega and Tumbuka peoples of Central America. N. Y., Dutton. 320 p. pls. maps. 12°, \$1.50 n.

From the cradle to the grave; simple instructions on the sacraments, etc., by a priest. Milwaukee, Young Churchman. 16+189 p. pls. S. 60 c.

Graham, Harry J. C. Splendid failures. N. Y., Longmans. 11+268 p. pors. O. \$3 n. Sketches of eight men who made brilliant efforts which were foredoomed to failure. Contents: The first of the Fenians (Theobald Wolfe Tone); The Napoleon of San Domingo (Toussaint L'Ouverture); The Cockney

Raphael (Benjamin Robert Haydon); A shooting star (Charles Townshend); The infant Roscius (William Henry Betty); Little Hartley (Hartley Coleridge); The Paladin of "Young England" (George Smythe); Kaiser Max (Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico.) Index.

Grant, Lady Sybil. Samphire. N. Y., Dutton. 308 p. 12°, \$1.50 n.

Hawley, Wa. A. Oriental rugs, antique and

modern; with 11 full-page pls. in col., 80 half-tone engravings and 4 maps. N. Y.,

half-tone engravings and 4 maps. N. Y., J: Lane. c. 320 p. Q. \$7.50 n.
Deals with Oriental rugs in a comprehensive manner, including latest information upon subject. Interesting chapter is devoted to rug weaving before the seventeenth century; the general characteristics and technical peculiarities of the rugs of Persia, Asia Minor, Central Asia and the Caucasus are also described. Chapters on Indian and Chinese rugs deal with all the well-known examples of these countries. Valuable information is afforded the prospective buyer in regard to materials, dyeing, designs and symbols, how to distinguish rugs, how to purchase, etc. Book is well illustrated, and, in addition, to many passages of a descriptive nature, contains much technical information. Index.

Hopkins, J: Castell. French Canada and the St. Lawrence; historic, picturesque and

Hopkins, J: Castell. French Canada and the St. Lawrence; historic, picturesque and descriptive. Phil., Winston. c. 431 p. pls. D. (Winston photogravure ser.) \$3. 3/4 lev., \$5; lev., \$7., bxd.
Treats of the French seigneurs, the Indians, the British conquerors on the Plains of Abraham, the French habitant, the rivermen, Montreal and quaint old Quebec, all illustrated with excellent photogravures. Author is editor of "The Canadian annual review of public affairs."

Hugues de Ragnau, Canon Edmond. The Vatican, the center of government of the Catholic world. N. Y., Appleton. c. 7+

Catholic world. N. Y., Appleton. c. 7+453 p. por. O. \$4 n.
Careful investigation, from the standpoint of a priest, of the Roman Catholic church throughout the world. Describes first the Palace of the Vatican, the personages of the pontifical family, etc., then the Pope, his position and duties, the life of Pius X and his many occupations; the College of Cardinals, the Roman Curia, the organization of the Catholic world, the politico-religious history of Catholocism, education, the spiritual and practical sides of the church, are all taken up.

Hungerford, E: The personality of American

cities; with front. by E. Horter. N. Y., McBride, Nast. c. 2+344 p. il. O. \$2 n. Discusses more than twenty cities in the United States and Canada, depicting the salient features of each which give it its individuality and differentiate it from all the others. There are many illustrations from photographs.

Johnston, R. M. Bull Run, its strategy and tactics. Bost., Houghton Mifflin. c. 293

p. maps. O. \$2.50 n.

Book is in some ways a new departure. It tells the story of one of the battles of the Civil War, but not in the manner that has become familiar through the mass of memoirs and histories written by the survivors, or by authors under the influence of their points of view. Treatment is technically critical at every point, and pursues every detail of strategy, of tactics, of organization, relentlessly to its outcome so far as the official document will permit.

Knox, Rev. R. A. Some loose stones; being a consideration of certain tendencies in modern theology illustrated by reference to the book called "Foundations." N. Y.,

to the book called "Foundations." N.Y.,
Longmans. 24+233 p. D. \$1 35. n.
Contents: How much will Jones swallow? Hypothesis and the cacodaemon: Miracle; Cui bono? an enquiry about the empty tomb; Erbum prodiens; Eagles round the carcase; The great omission; Restatement in the balances—the incarnation; Restatement in the balances—the atonement; Authority and experience; He and it; Jones at the cross-roads. Indexes.

Leary, Lewis Gaston. Syria, the land of Lebanon. N. Y., McBride, Nast. c. 225 p. pls. O. hf. cl. \$3 n., bxd.
Companion volume to author's "Real Palestine of today." He lived in Syria for many years and therefore draws an intimate picture of the country and inhabitants.

Letts, W. M. The mighty army [col.] il. by Stephen Reid. N. Y., Stokes. 12+115 p. Q. \$2 n.

Stories about English saints and churchmen told to some children who are visiting their great uncle, who is the most delightful kind of a bishop. Book is printed on brown tinted paper and has many illustrations in color.

Lewis, Leopold. Prestige. N. Y., Dutton. 350 p. 8°, \$3 n.

Logan, Algernon Sydney. Vestigia; collected poems. N. Y., Moffat Yard. c. 116 p.

Longueville, T: Policy and paint; or, some incidents in the lives of Dudley Carleton and Peter Paul Rubens; with 14 illustra-N. Y., Longmans. 12+221 p. O.

\$2.75 n.
Dudley Carleton, the scion of an old English family was born in 1573, Reubens, the son of a Flemish chemist, a year later, 1574. The former was a diplomatist and an amateur in art, the latter, a distinguished painter and an amateur in politics. Book shows how the politician and the painter came to have dealings both in politics and in painting, and how painting became a medium in politics.

Lowe, Percy R. Our common sea-birds; cormorants, terns, gulls, skuas, petrels and auks. [N. Y., Scribner.] 16+310 p. il. Q. \$6 n.

First of two volumes on the common sea-birds of England. Written for those who wish to learn how to identify the various birds and learn the families into which they are classed. The illustrations from photographs are particularly fine.

Meynell, Everard. The life of Francis Thompson. N. Y., Scribner. 11+361 p.

Thompson. N. Y., Schiller. 11-301 p. pls. pors. O. \$4.50 n.
Interesting life-story of the poet whose genius is receiving admiring recognition throughout the English-speaking world. He lived but forty-eight years; his career was largely one of poverty and full of dramatic contrasts. His strange and fascinating personality, compounded of strength and weakness is here revealed by one of his intimate friends. Index.

Miall, Bernard. Pierre Garat, singer and exquisite; his life and his world. (1762-1823); with 35 illustrations. N. Y., Scrib-

ner. 364 p. pls. pors. O. \$3 n.

Pierre-Jean Garat came to Paris to study law, but his beautiful voice soon brought him into prominence.

Marie Antoinette had him sing for her and he became a favorite in society. He was arrested during the Terror, was freed, and during the Directorate and Empire, was a leader of fashion, and professor of singing at the conservatoire. Index.

Moore, G: Elizabeth Cooper; a comedy in three acts. Bost., Luce, C. 80 p. D. bds.,

N., F. J., and M., C. D., comps. Life's beginnings; wisdom and counsel for daily guidance. Bost., Pilgrim. 7+376 p. T. leath., \$1 n., bxd.

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Nairne, Alex. The epistle of priesthood; studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews. N. Y., Scribner. 7+446 p. O. \$3 n.

By professor of Hebrew in King's College, London. Contents: Date and purpose of the Epistle; The sacramental principle; The sacrament of the incarnation; the limitations of manhood; The sacrament of the incarnation perfection through limitation; Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek: the sacrifice; The coming of Christ, and the doctrine of loyalty; The Epistle and the Old Testament; Epilogue; an exposition of the Epistle; Index of persons and subjects; References to passages quoted.

Neve. Arth.. M.D. Thirty years in Kashmir.

Neve, Arth., M.D. Thirty years in Kashmir. N. Y., Longmans. 8+316 p. pls. fold. map. O. \$3.50 n. Author has charge of the Mission Hospital at Srinagur.

Volume is mainly concerned with his mountaineering trips among the stupendous Himalayan ranges in the vicinity. Index.

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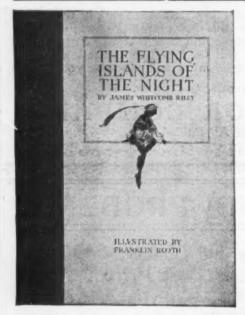
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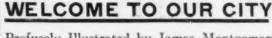
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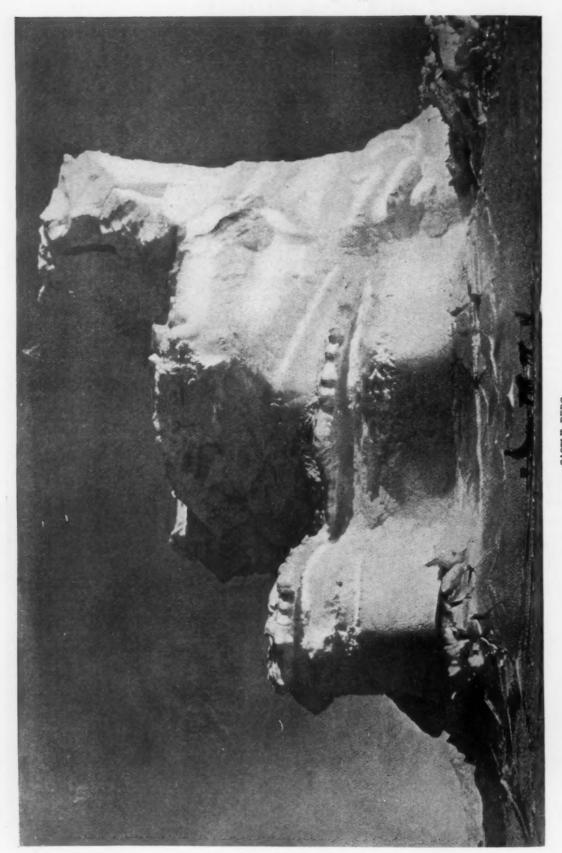
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Book Chat of the Month

THE WORKS of Sir J. M. Barrie, in ten octavo volumes will be published before long in a "Kerrie muir Edition."

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Some Pleasant episodes of the relations between an author and a publisher are fitly chronicled by Miss Caroline Ticknor, daughter of Benjamin D. Ticknor, long of Houghton Mifflin & Company and granddaughter of the Ticknor of Ticknor and Fields, its predecessors, in the volume on "Hawthorne and his publishers," just issued by the Houghton Mifflin Company. Miss Caroline Ticknor had already made pleasant reputation for herself in her previous literary work, and this volume makes an interesting link between the third and the first generation of the Ticknor family.

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THE NOBEL PRIZE for Literature was awarded on November 13th to the British Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore. It is the first time that this prize has been given to anybody but a white person. The Tagore family belongs to the Province of Bengal. Many of its members have devoted themselves to literature and the arts, and some of them are in the Indian Civil Service. Some of the poems of Rabindranath Tagore were recently translated into English, and the result may almost be described as a furore.

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ONE OF THE TALLEST YARNS emanating from Paris in some months came a few weeks ago in the form of a cable dispatch to a New York newspaper to the effect that Oscar Wilde is alive. Fabian Lloyd, nephew of Oscar Wilde, twenty-three, an athlete of gigantic size, practising the professions of poet and prizefighter in Paris, states seriously in his review called Maintenant that Oscar called on him in his apartment in Paris March 23d last; that the coffin in the grave at Bagneux Cemetery, weighing 240 pounds, contains only paving stones, cotton wool and a large glass jar; that the jar holds a manuscript work in French by Wilde, called "Amen," with sub-titles "A comedy? A tragedy?" In answer to literary critics who take the statement as a joke, Lloyd offers to wager any reasonable sum up to 10,000 francs that the coffin's contents are as

stated; also that he can prove Wilde to be alive in India. He says Oscar Wilde is now enormously stout, white-haired and bearded. The younger Wilde writes under the name of Arthur Cravan, after the name of the French village where his wife, a French girl, was born. He was amateur champion heavyweight of France; has boxed in exhibitions with well-known prize fighters and privately with Jack Johnson.

DAVID GRAYSON, who wrote the "Adventures in Friendship" and "Adventures in



FROM "JACK CHANTY"
BY HULBERT FOOTNER
Doubleday, Page & Co.

Contentment," now offers "The Friendly Road," in which he has put down the more or less unusual impressions, the events and adventures, of certain quiet pilgrimages in country roads. The book is illustrated by Thomas Fogarty and published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

ERNEST PEIXOTTO, who wrote and illustrated "Romantic California" and "Through

the French Provinces," has written and illustrated "Pacific Shores from Panama." He describes especially the shore of South America from Panama as far south as Bolivia, with brief closing chapter on the journey from the isthmus to the Golden Gate. The book is a Scribner publication.

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Mr. EDMUND Gosse has been appointed Officier de la Légion d'Honneur in recognition of his services to French literature in England.

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"I entered this incarnation on March the twenty-ninth, A. D., 1831, at the ancient town of Ulverston, Lancashire, England," says Mrs. Amelia Barr in her autobiography. "My soul came with me. This is not always the case. Every observing mother of a large family knows that the period of spiritual possession varies. For days, even weeks, the child may be entirely of the flesh, and then suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, the mystery of the indwelling spirit is accomplished. This miracle comes not by observation; no mother ever saw it take place. She only knows that at one moment her child was ignorant of her; that at the next moment it was

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"AND STRAIGHT AND TRUE STRUCK THE PINS"

ILLUSTRATION BY HY. MAYER. FROM "THE TUMBLE MAN"

BY CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

consciously smiling into her face, and that then, with an instinctive gladness she called to the whole household, 'The baby has begun to notice.' I brought my soul with me—an eager soul, impatient for the loves and joys, the struggles and triumphs of the dear, unforgotten world."

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THE "Reminiscences of Augustus Saint-Gaudens" have been edited and amplified by his son, Homer Saint-Gaudens; and issued by the Century Co. in two large volumes, with many illustrations showing Saint-Gaudens' work, and persons and places associated with his life and career.

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"THE OXFORD DICTIONARY," as regards production, compared with that of the great foreign dictionaries, has not been slow. Of the works in any way comparable in scope with the Oxford work, the "Deutsches Wörterbuch," inaugurated by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, of which the first part was published in 1852, is still incomplete, about one-sixth remaining to be done; the "Woordenboek der nederlandsche Taal," started in 1864, has entered on the letter P, but has some

gaps to fill in earlier letters; the "Ordbok öfver Svenska Spraket," which is issued under the auspices of the Swedish Academy, began to be published in 1893, and in twenty years has completed A and produced fractions of B, C, and D. Thus the "Oxford English Dictionary," the first section of which was published in 1884, is, it is claimed by the writer of the interesting "Obiter Dicta" in a recent issue of *The Periodical*, unique among the great modern dictionaries in the regularity and consecutiveness of its production.

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The Late Lord Avebury was in a sense one of the "best selling" of English authors. His volume "The Use of Life" has sold over 170,000 copies. "The Pleasures of Life" has attained a circulation of some 260,000 copies in its first volume and of 220,000 in its second. "The Beauties of Nature" is at 85,000 copies, and some of Lord Avebury's other books have also had very large sales indeed. He made Nature understandable and therefore easy to the plain man—Nature and no nonsense.

HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY are following Romain Rolland's "Jean-Christophe" with Andersen Nexo's great Danish tetralogy, the first book of which, entitled "Pelle the Conqueror," appeared last month.

W. B. YEATS, the Irish poet, delivered a remarkable lecture in Dublin, Nov. 2d, on the question of the survival of the human indi-viduality after death. "That there are ghosts is not a mere tradition, but a fact,' Mr. Yeats said. His conviction, he said, was based upon facts which he could not put before the audience. He had had the most amazing experiences, and had communicated in Greek, English, Irish, Welsh, and Latin with persons long dead, through a medium, who was not a professional, but a personal friend.

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LAURENCE BINYON'S "The Art of Botticelli: An Essay in Interpretation." will be published by Macmillan in a handsome quarto volume, illustrated with twenty-three collotype reproductions in color of paintings by the artist, and an original etching by Muirhead Bone.

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A BASEBALL EVANGELIST well-known to the middle west is the subject of a biography by Theodore T. Frankenberg of Columbus O., which will appear about January I under the title "The Spectacular Career of Rev. Billy Sunday, Baseball Evangelist."

For the benefit of that large public to whom the publishing business is wrapped in mystery, Robert Sterling Yard has written "The Publisher," recently published by Houghton Mifflin Company. The processes of selection, manufacture, exploitation and sale which lie behind the finished book are entertainingly explained, with plenty of incidental illustrative anecdote. As a publisher of long experience and the present editor of the Century Magazine, Mr. Yard is well able to explain the workings of the publisher's mind and the publisher's business. The four breezy articles making up the book first appeared in The Saturday Evening Post.

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HOWARD ELLIOTT, the new president-elect of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, has written a book, "The Truth



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about the Railroads," which Houghton Mifflin Co. have published.

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DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & Co. announce a literary plan which will be a distinguished contribution to American bookmaking: The Seven Seas Edition of the Works of Rudyard Kipling, limited to 1050 sets of twenty-three volumes, newly arranged and each set signed by the author. In every way it is the purpose to make this set one of lasting value. The arrangement of the literary material is the result of the author's study in casting it in the form in which he wishes it to remain. There will be added new material now collected in book form for the first time including "Letters to the Family," etc. Another interesting feature is the dating of the stories and verses which will add much to its value.

Some Later Fall Fiction —Mostly for the More Discriminating Reader

Reviewed by Frederic Taber Cooper, Fremont Rider, Minna Thomas Antrim and others

THE PASSIONATE FRIENDS.*

The writer long since made up his mind that H. G. Wells could not write uninterestingly if he tried—even if, as in this case, he starts in on a novel and after a hundred pages gets sidetracked into a social-psychological discussion to which the novel's conclusion comes in only as a sort of belated postlude. After all one reads Wells first of all for his *ideas*, significant, suggestively phrased analyses and syntheses, so vital and keen and thought-compelling in themselves that it matters very little into what form his book as a whole is cast.

The story, as a story, here is simple, written in the first person by its chief actor as a guide for living for his son—and its opening passages, where he outlines its need and purpose, are among the most suggestive in the book. Stratton, son of a country rector, falls passionately in love with the Lady Mary Christian, in the delineation of whom Wells touches perhaps the high water mark so far of his feminine characterizations. One loves her as Stratton loved her.

Above him in station and wealth, desirous of "freedom," she marries a multi-millionaire under a compact of mutual independence, and Stratton, in despair, goes to the Boer War and spends several years in South Africa. He comes back, as he thinks love-cured, and goes in for a public career. But accidentally he meets the Lady Mary again and their love, despite his growing intimacy with the sweet English girl he later marries, is soon in full flame again. Of course their relations are soon discovered, and the irate husband's wealth and prestige shatter their clandestine romance. Follows Stratton's marriage, and years of economical-social investigation the world over. He meets Gidding, an American multi-millionaire, and together the two work out an immense reform propaganda. For half the book the novel, as a novel, halts while Stratton gropes toward a solution of some of the world-race problems that confound him. One wonders how much, in one passage of splendid insight, he voices Wells himself:

*The Passionate Friends. By H. G. Wells. 363p. front.12mo. Harp., \$1.35n.

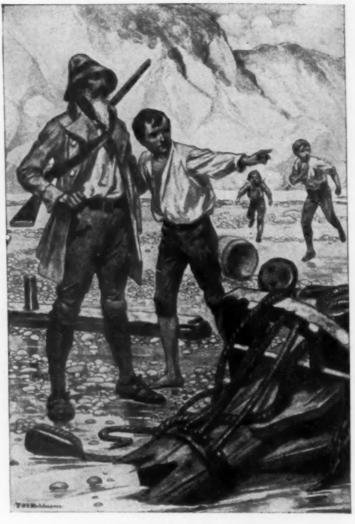


ILLUSTRATION BY T. H. ROBINSON FROM "THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON" George H. Doran Co.

"You know I have never quite believed in myself," he says, "never quite believed in any work or my religion. . . I know I am purblind, I know I do not see my way clearly nor very far; I have to do with things imperfectly apprehended. I cannot cheat my mind away from these convictions. I have a sort of hesitation of the soul as other men have a limp in their gait. God, I suppose, bas a need for lame men . . . a need for blind men and fearful and doubting men, and does not intend life to be altogether swallowed up in staring sight. Some things are to be reached best by a hearing that is not distracted by any of the clearer senses. So it is with me . . I go valiantly for the most part I know, but despair is always near me.

In another place he writes in a way we Americans may well take just pride in:

The onset of New York was extraordinarily stimulating to me. I write onset. It is indeed that. New York rides up o:t of the waters, a cliff of man's making; its great buildings at a distance seem like long Chinese banners held up against the sky. From Sandy Hook to the great landing stages and the swirling hooting traffic of the Hudson River there fails nothing in that magnificent crescendo of approach.

of the Hudson River there tails nothing in that inaginate crescendo of approach.

And New York keeps the promise of its first appearance. There is no such fulness of life elsewhere in all the world. The common man in the streets is a bigger common man than any Old World city can show, physically bigger; there is hope in his eyes and a braced defiance. New York may be harsh and blusterous and violent, but there is a breeze from the sea and a breeze of fraternity in the streets, and the Americans of all peoples in the world are a nation of still unbroken men.

I went to America curious, balancing between hope and skepticism. The European world is full of the criticism of America, and for the matter of that America too is full of it; hostility and depreciation prevail—over-

much, for n spite of rawness and vehemence and a scum of blatant, oh! quite asinine folly, the United States of America remains the greatest country in the world and the living hope of mankind. It is the supreme break with the old tradition; it is the freshest and most valiant beginning that has ever been made in human life.

Years pass; children come to the Lady Mary as well as Stratton. Then the silence between them is broken by a letter from her and for some years a desultory correspondence goes on. He sees the world problem as one of labor; she sees it as fundamentally or correlatively one of sex. Their letters may reach no conclusion but they offer a hundred vantage grounds of stimulating argument. Finally, each alone, quite accidentally, they meet in Switzerland. After all the years, each still thrills at the mere presence of the other. Each reviews a partially misshapen life, she acknowledging that the freedom she had sought was a mirage—and then at very last reaffirming that acquiescence in the past would, after all, have killed their love. And the author's own viewpoint remains a riddle to the tragedy that closes the book.

Fremont Rider.

THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY.*

This is a hard, cold, brilliant and quite merciless study of the social climber. It contains, here and there, in generous quantities some of the best work that has ever come from Mrs. Wharton's pen. And yet, at the same time, there is a venom in it that sets one thinking of the snake house in the Bronx "Zoo." What have her characters done to her, one wonders, to make the author hate them so? They are none of them portraits, in the same careful sense that the characters in her earlier books are portraits; there is a suggestion in them of the cartoon spirit, a certain deliberate intent to caricature and exaggerate, which is not ineffective, but simply strikes one as curiously unfamiliar, coming from Mrs. Wharton. The plot, reduced to its bare elements, is one that has frequently seen active service at the hands of other novelists. It is impossible not to call to mind the Selma White of Robert Grant's "Unleavened Bread," and its numerous successors and imitators. Like Selma White, Undine Spragg is the product of an obscure western town; like Selma, she has unbridled ambitions, and regards man simply as a stepping stone, a mere stage property to be used incidentally in her spectacular ascent. Undine's rise into glory is accomplished by three stages, and incidentally three husbands: first, a refined, fastidious New Yorker, of one of the old, exclusive knickerbocker families; secondly, a titled Frenchman, of whose social standards and code of honor she is incapable of having the least conception; and thirdly, a big, rugged, indomitable westerner from her own native

find her on the point of welcoming her guests at the first big social function she has given as wife of an important political and financial figure, yet with the edge of her enjoyment dulled by the newly acquired knowledge that, as a divorced woman, one career is forever closed to her-she could never be received as an ambassador's wife by any of the countries of Europe; and with characteristic inconsistency, she realizes that an ambassador's wife is the one career for which she is really fitted. There is an admirable artistic unity about the whole picture of Undine Spragg, from the initial irony of her baptismal name to the stinging satire of the closing paragraph. Yet it leaves the reader still wondering what her countrywomen can have done to make Mrs. Wharton so pitilessly vindictive. Frederick Taber Cooper

town, who by the sheer force of his personality, has acquired wealth, position and a veneer of culture. And at the close of the story, we

LADY LAUGHTER.*

A broth of a girl is Betty, "Lady Laughter," whose sponsor in Bookland is Ralph Henry Barbour. A winsome, wilful, will-o-the-wisp-ish child of impulse is Betty, foreordained by her terrestrial Creator to play hob (or football) with the hearts of men. Merrily she fulfills her destiny.

Picture, if you can, this Titian-haired lassie seated cosily upon a garden bench watching the slow approach of a man who knows naught and cares less for frivolous maidens.

Hark ere you will at the runaway child trying to cozen the dignified Richard Hollidge into welcoming her into his home as a "Cousin." Laugh along with the minx as she chases away Dick's frown, and finally, of course, gets her own way, then sigh if you will for the man who thinks himself immune. Betty is new in the world of fiction, her like, at least, is not met every day. The man who does not warm to her merry laughter, and envy Dick, before he closes the book, is but half a man. Girls will wish for her charm and—help make her a success—this yuletide.

Mr. Barbour writes Christmas books that are safe to offer the most conservative girl, his stories are never trite nor prosy. His heroines are maidens not abnormalities either too good to be truthful or too bad to introduce. He caters to the critical in other ways; always his gift books are beautifully bound—this one is in violet and gold—and illustrated lavishly. While it is in all respects ideal for Christmas giving it is no less admirably fit for other gift purposes.

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^{*}The Custom of the Country. By Edith Wharton. 12mo. Scrib., \$1.50

^{*}Lady Laughter. By Ralph Henry Barbour. Illus. in col. by Gayle Hoskins; decorations by Edw. S. Holloway. 176p.8vo.Lipp. \$1.50n.

HAGAR.*

In Mary Johnston's latest novel Hagar Ashendyne joins decidedly the group of New Heroines. From her childhood in a southern home, she began to seek herself-if anything marks the newness of the New Heroine, it is this impulse, recognized and acted upon. On page seven, because she was a truthful child and admitted truths, being forced to explain to a poverty-stricken woman that the money she gave came not from her but from her grandfather, she asked her aunt Serena: "Why is it that women don't have any money?" The keynote of the book, the economic independence of women as the foundation of all their freedom; and yet Hagar herself had money always, and had merely The Family to contend with and to put resolutely to one side as she went out upon her own path of life. Now and then she did not put it to one side, as when she gave up eight of her third decade of years to travel with an invalid father who had ignored her for years, though she finally broke that set of chains.

Hagar's family is extremely well drawn, and not only the concrete family of Ashendynes but the brooding, grim Family concept hovers about Hagar, thwarting her individual impulses, telling her she is wrong when she is right, interfering with her decisions and desires and self-expressions, and in all ways conducting itself as one's own family and The Family do. The astonishing thing is that Hagar, even with money, which fortunately she had, was able to make strong her will to a degree that enabled her to step out of that southern home.

Hagar spent the winter of 1894 in New York: "It was the year of the assassination of Sadi Carnot in France, of the trial of Emma Goldman in New York, of much "Hellish Anarchist Activity." It was a year of Socialist growth. It was a year of strikes-mine strikes, railway strikes, other strikes, Lehigh and Pullman and Cripple Creek. It was the year of the army of Coxey. It was the year of the Unemployed and of Relief Agencies, It was the year when the phrase "A living wage" received currency. . . . In 1894 occurred the first voting of women in New Zealand. It saw the opening of a Woman's congress in Berlin. In New York, a Woman Suffrage Amendment was strongly advocated before a Constitutional Convention. There was more talk than usual of the Unrest among Women, more editorials than usual upon the phenomenon, more magazine articles. But the bulk of the talk and the editorials and the magazine articles had to do with the business failures and the Unemployed and the Strikes.

And this year Hagar was living with

This year Hagar's philosophy of life was forming fast, and two currents of desire ran side by side. "To earn money—to make my own living—to be able to help," and "To make this Idea come forth and grow—To get this thing right—to make this dream show clear—to do it, to do it!—To create!"

For Hagar was writing.

Finally Hagar finds her man, after one adolescent betrothal, and a long, stubborn courting by a cousin who declares—he is a Southern gentleman-that all this rebellion of women is unthinkable. To this cousin Hagar says: "There are many women to-day who will grant you your every premise, who are horrified in company with you, at us others. . . . Why do you not wish to mate with your own kind?" And when he says he wishes to mate with her, she shakes her head. "That you cannot do. . . . There is being drawn a line. Some men and women are on one side of it and some men and women are on the other. There is taking place a sorting out. . . . In the things that make the difference you are where you were when Troy fell. I cannot go back, down all those slopes of times."

Hagar's man finds her talking at an openair meeting in Union Square, beneath a banner lettered "Votes for Women." But of him directly there are less than thirty pages. It was love at first sight, and for that thirty pages are enough. But for the New Man thirty pages are all too scant. Of him there is much to be written. Throughout "Hagar" is a tremendously interesting and stimulating book.

Edna Kenton.

MAKING OVER MARTHA.*

Who does not remember "Martha-by-the Day," whose wise wit and witty wisdom kept us a-chortle? No Amazon of old ever boasted of heart or arms more forceful in love or warfare.

In "Making Over Martha" Julie M. Lippmann again mobilizes an interesting array of characters, but, as before, it is Martha who bulks large and big as the story's leading woman.

In the present chronicle Martha and the "Man" with their children have migrated to the country where they have charge of a

another "Family," the Maines of New York.
"The beating of the waves of the year was not loudly heard in the Maines' long parlor." It came, "muted through the family atmosphere." The Maine family had in it one rebel, Rachel, a daughter married and widowed with two children, one of them blind from birth. But Rachel was a silent rebel and her family were no more concerned with her rebeldom than with a painted volcano.

This year Hagar's philosophy of life was

^{*}Hagar. By Mary Johnston. 396p.12mo. H. Miff. \$1.40n.

^{*}Making Over Martha. By Julie M. Lippmann. 292p. 12mo. Holt \$1.20n.

large estate belonging to the husband of one of Martha's young ladies. To her new neighbors the Irish woman is baffling. They cannot understand her, hence, after the manner of fools, proceed to teach her their ways. Martha listens—and serenely goes on—mothering her brood, managing her husband, and lending a helpful hand or word, as needed.

Nearby there lives an old woman, a miser by repute, with her granddaughter. The aged woman suddenly becomes ill, and Martha rushes in. tact and strength equally proportioned, Martha controls the hitherto unmanagable old tyrant, and befriends the lonely girl in charge. And what follows, especially the romance of the old woman's Doctor and her granddaughter, in which our stalwart friend of former days takes a speaking part, is a tale to warm the cockles even of a near-icy heart.

"Making Over Martha" is not a great book—it is rather one that makes us forget that it is a book at all.

Minna Thomas Antrim.

THE PRICE OF PLACE.*

When James Marsh first ran for Congressman the tariff was still "guarding our indus-

tries," the old guard ruled unchallenged in the Senate and such political tags as "initiative," "progressive," "new nationalism," "conservation" were in the undreamt future. Thanks to McManus, the republican boss of the district, and his own very real power as a public speaker, Marsh won his election. He was ambitious, so was his wife; he was honest, he believed; his wife didn't think much about it. Arrived in Washington, a "rube Congressman's" wife, Mrs. Marsh's head was turned by the futile "squirrel-cage" struggle for social supremacy she saw going on all around her. She became a climber, and her feebly protesting husband sought the wherewithal.

Fortunately that seemed rather miraculously forthcoming. Certain acquaintances in the House, "on the inside," "strong in the organization" gave him stock tips, pointed out possible real estate profits in the District. Later some innocent looking street improvement and forest conservation bills came up. Marsh (with slight qualms) followed the "organiza-

FROM "NANCY IN THE WOOD." BY MARION BRYCE

John Lane Co.

tion" bidding. "The party wants" so and so; he did not at that time analyze "party" very much.

But the general public, under Rooseveltian and other tutelage, was even then beginning to analyze that "party" fetich a little more closely than before, too closely for some of the leaders "higher up" to stomach McManus any longer. For McManus was not only corrupt but vulnerable. Marsh, notwithstanding some sense of treachery, led the fight against him—for McManus would not give up without a fight. It needed the courts to decide the election, but Marsh emerged the Republican boss of his district. From that it was but a step to another "treachery" and an undreamed of pinnacle, his U. S. senatorship.

Marsh had by now "arrived" politically: he was a coming man. So had Mrs. Marsh socially; but to each there was something that tasted bitter in the victory. Insurgency was in the air: Marsh's record was outwardly pretty clean; he had a gift of speech and drifted gradually into being the "organiza-

A CLEARING WHERE ANEMONES AND PRIMAOSES GREW

^{*}The Price of Place. By Saml. G. Blythe. 359p.12 mo. Doran, \$1.25n.

tion's" spokesman in the Senate, a "leader" in his party. By this time, despite the tremendous drafts of Mrs. Marsh's social life, he was getting rich. But to his honest self he had to admit he had sold out his political honor. He thought no one else knew it: he was terribly undeceived.

Mr. Blythe has been a Washington newspaper man for many years. Naught is here exaggerated or ought set down in malice. A clever novel, it is no less a political tract. One misses in book form the attractive illustrations that accompanied the story when it appeared in the Saturday Evening Post; but it is a novel every voter might well read.

BLISTER JONES.*

The author of this snappy little volume is indeed to be congratulated; for he has accomplished what frankly seemed impossiblethe production of a successful piece of fiction without resorting to the exploitation of the usual stock figures of modern stories. "Blister Jones" is a distinctly original creation; by profession a trainer of racehorses, and by nature a philosopher coupled with a ready and incisive wit that would gladden the heart of the most hopeless of hypochondriacs.

Not a novel in the full sense of the word, it is a collection of brief episodes or happenings in the past career of that worthy, related by himself to the reader in the terse and delightfully expressive jargon of the race track. He initiates us into all the subtle mysteries of the racing game in a realistic manner that fairly reeks of horses, leather and liniment. The

following is characteristic:

"Why, you last year's bird's nest!" addressing a horse. "What th' hell right have you got to be fussy with your eats? There ain't a oat in that box but what outclasses youthey've all growed faster'n you can run! The only thing worse'n you is a ticket on you to win. If I pulls your shoes off'n has my choice between you'n 'n' them-I takes the shoes. If I wouldn't be pinched fur it I gives you to the first nut they lets out of the bughouse - you sour - bellied - mallet - headed yellow pup! You cross between a canary'n a mud-turtle!"

In these cleverly written stories the author has displayed an unusual ability as a raconteur that reaches a high mark in the field of story-telling.

SIS WITHIN.

A strange and unusual story is this. Sis is an uncanny child who lives in the Linden Lane Foundling Home, and is gifted with a psychic sense which sometimes makes people angry with her, and at other times in awe of

*Blister Jones. By John Taintor Foote. Illus, by Jay Hambridge. 324p.12mo. Bobbs-M., \$1.20n. †Sis Within. By Harriet Hobson. 351 p. 12 mo.

Her sayings reveal a philosophy of life that is often humorous, but more often pathetic. Listen to this keen observation on the "sins of the fathers."

"She ain't got no sore eyes; that's Prilly's inheritance of sin. . . . Children has to bear it just anywhere it comes, for there ain't no telling what part of 'em its going to bust out on. Jimsy's legs can't go proper on account of his inheritance, and poor little Blinkie has done already et up the back bone in her spine so's she can't do nothing but just lay and hurt all the time until she dies."

Sis, like the other children in the Home. came into the world unwelcome, and nameless. It is some time before the reader learns who her father is. In his youth he had transgressed but had repented of his sin, and being a man is forgiven by the woman who comes into his life later. This woman is also psychic and something of a philosopher. She too, has had a past, and the fact that she was married to the father of her child did not alleviate her suffering. She grieves because she cannot love her child as she should—he too closely resembles his father. She seemed to represent "The silent agony of all the women of all the ages upon whom motherhood had been carnally forced as a cross, instead of being divinely bestowed as a crown."

Briefly, the story is peculiarly vague and inconsistent at times, with a style that needs pruning, but to offset this the author reveals a depth of understanding and a great tenderness which makes one want to see more of her characters, and to meet Sis when she is grown to womanhood.

F. M. Holly.

T. TEMBAROM.*

When you, as an author, have discovered a formula for concocting a story of wide and enduring popularity, it would be flying in the face of good fortune to be satisfied with a single use of the formula. So Mrs. Burnett, having written her classic "Little Lord Fauntleroy" some years ago, ventures to endeavor to repeat her success to-day with much the same ingredients-with "T. Tembarom" as the very satisfactory result.

To be sure this modern Fauntleroy is modern, a slangy, shrewd young American in the early twenties, older and more worldly wise than his prototype, but no less lovable. But to each, in his obscure, American, slenderly supported position come wealth and lordly estate back in England, and the story in each case is one of adjustment to the marvelously

new environment.

T. Tembarom, orphan, cub reporter "doing Harlem society" for a New York paper, inherits "a very magnificent property-seventy thousand pounds a year and Temple Barholm." Fortunately he has already metand fallen very much in love with-Little Ann, a demure, capable English lassie, whose

^{*}T. Tembarom. By Frances Hodgson Burnett. 518 p.illus.12mo. Cent., \$1.40n.

ponderous Lancashire father is rather hopelessly seeking financial backing for an invention.

In England almost T. Tembarom's first acquaintance is Miss Alicia, a little old lady who is the apotheosis of Victorian tremulous sweetness and lady-likeness. A "poor relation," she is used to being snubbed; but T. Tembarom isn't the snubbing kind, and the two get to be devoted friends. So does T. T. with everyone with that matter, for that is his way, from his valet, Pearson-and the first of his encounters with Pearson are among the most delightful passages in the book-to the Duke of Stone and the Lady Joan, fiancée of the man he had supplanted!

Of course there's a mystery and a villain and a long suspense, and several separate turnings of the tables; but T. Tembarom finally wins something worth more than any title or fortune, the friendship and respect of every one, and Little Ann herself, which is to his mind worth more than all the rest.

Fremont Rider.

Mothering on Perilous.*
There is an abundance of both humourand pathos in this diary of a woman who adventured into the

mountains of Kentucky to join the staff of teachers

in the Settlement school on Perilous Creek. The author is evidently one of those fortunate people with the "seeing eye," to employ a painter's phrase. Her quick observation and power of graphic description enable her to give us a vivid picture of the strange people of the Kentucky mountains, proud, brave and unquestionably courageous; virtues which go far to make the reader condone their glaring short comings, springing as they do from the false standards and ideals of life, the result of ignorance and illiteracy. There is nothing more pathetic in the book than the account of the sacrifices made by

"GET OFF THAT STEP OR I'LL PUT YOU OFF!"
FROM "THE CUB REPORTER." BY EDWARD MOTT WOOLLEY
Frederick A. Stokes Co.

these rude mountaineers, both men and women, for the betterment of their children, and their ambition to give them the chance to get "booklarnin." The picture of the proud Mr. Atkins introducing his son Iry, aged ten as "a pure scholar, who knows the speller from kiver to kiver," is typical of all the rest. To be sure, it developed later that while he was able to make good his father's proud boast, he was utterly and entirely ignorant of every other branch of learning.

Their ideas of chivalry were also primitive. The new teacher was grieved to observe that none of her boys had ever been taught to take off their hats to women. When told that they should do so to show their respect, Philip, the eldest replied: "But I hain't got none, they

^{*}Mothering on Perilous. By Lucy Furman. Illus. by Mary Lane McMillan & F. R. Gruger. 322p.12mo. Macm., \$1.50n.

never done nothing for me. I'd sooner take off my hat to a cow—I get something from her!" It is evident that teaching on Perilous Creek presents some novel problems.

Geordie, one of the brightest of the boys, was expected to grow up to be a preacher. This ambition was based entirely upon the fact that he displayed a truly marvelous faculty for "besting" all the other boys in the matter of trading. It was explained that, as preachers are never paid anything, they must know how to make a good swap.

There is tragedy in the account of the longstanding feud between the Marrs and Cheevers which ended only when Blant, the hero, accidently shot his best friend. An unusual and

interesting book.

H. Dick.

THE CORYSTON FAMILY.*

There are two features of Mrs. Humphry Ward's latest novel that particularly impressed the present reviewer, the cruel tyranny of a mother who wants to rule her children rather than love them, and the hard and narrow religion of the Newburys who, because of their creed, force a man and a woman into suicide rather than live without each other. Mrs. Ward has always made us see very plainly the English family life and English politics, while she has never conceived a more interesting story than in "The Coryston Family."

The elder son, Coryston, is opposed to all that his mother stands for in politics, so he defies her and his inheritance from his father and goes to live by himself, preaching his own doctrines of life to the people on the family estate. Another son, James, is a figurehead, but Arthur is the one who works with his mother until at the end they have a tragic break because Lady Coryston prevents his marrying the girl he loves. Both these sons turn upon her and in different ways denounce her love of power as the cause of all the unhappiness in their family.

There is one daughter, a gentle, lovable girl, who is trying to think things out for herself. She becomes engaged to Edward Newbury, and is thrust at once into the atmosphere of a high church family. It is taken for granted that she will feel and believe as they do, and before the engagement is a month old Marcia realizes that she can't be forced into

a religious belief.

There is a man on the Newbury estate, John Betts by name, a conscientious and valuable worker, who has committed the great crime of taking to wife a divorced woman. Edward Newbury and his father decree that he must put this woman away because the church does not recognize the marriage of a

*The Coryston Family. By Mrs. Humphry Ward. Illus. by Eliz. Shippen Green. 329p.12mo. Harp., \$1.35%.

divorced person, and they therefore cannot countenance their sin. In vain does John Betts plead their love, the helplessness of the woman, and the fact that they are legally wedded. The wife then goes to Marcia and begs her to intercede, but Edward Newbury remains cruelly firm. Then Marcia realizes what her life would mean with this man, and she sorrowfully breaks the engagement.

Shortly after this John Betts is found dead by his own hand, his wife at his feet also cold in death. These two simple people seem to be the only ones who really love; the others only think they do. But then love is not intended to play a prominent part in this story of personal ideas and ideals, of conflicting wills and of characters that seem born of iron rather than flesh and blood.

F. M. Hally.

A Sample of the Many New Books for Boys

THE BOY SCOUTS IN THE DISMAL SWAMP.*

"Imagination," says Mr. Eaton, "is at the bottom of most things you accomplish in this world." And imagination it was that inspired "Peanut" Morrison with the idea of spending a week at some new place. "Peanut" was hanging by the legs from a trapeze in the Southmead Scout House when the inspiration came to him. Arthur Bruce said afterwards, that the idea must have been in his feet all the while and slipped down into his head when he hung from the bar. Mr. Rogers, artist and scout-master (and, by the way, the book is dedicated to a certain Walter King Stone, artist, scout-master swamper) so cordially takes hold of the idea that before many chapters are past Peanut, Rob, Art and Rogers have left Berkshire for the Dismal Swamp of Virginia.

A mahogany colored lake, so wide that the farther shore could be but dimly seen, a swampy bank thick with great gray roots and trunks like mastodon's bones—no sound but the lap of the little waves. With this stage setting the party are able to round out a week of good sport and adventure, in which poisonous snakes, detectives hunting for criminals and a fugitive from injustice have their entrances and exits.

The second half of the book concerns the doings of the scouts at home in Massachusetts, and explains the proper scoutish way to chop down a tree, as well as how to choose that tree. His father's favorite cherrytree will never be attacked by the well-trained Boy Scout.

One might criticize as superfluous the latter part of such a sentence as "Ah reckon yo is right' laughed Art, trying to talk like a darkey, too"—but it's a common tendency in books for the young to explain the obvious.

Doris Webb.

^{*}The Boy Scouts in the Dismal Swamp. By Walter Prichard Eaton. 304 p. front. 12mo. Wilde, \$1.00%.



TYPICAL SASKATCHEWAN VALLEY HOMESTEAD

FROM "THE COMING CANADA." BY JOSEPH KING GOODRICH

A. C. McClurg & Co.

Worth While Books On a Half Dozen Subjects

Reviewed by Duffield Osborne, Algernon Tassin, Joseph Mosher, and others

THE CURIOUS LORE OF PRECIOUS STONES.*

Dr. Kunz has written a book which ought to find a wide demand. From the earliest times

precious stones have ranked high among the objects sought by men, and the quest shows

no slackening to-day.

In more remote periods of the world's history the desire for gems, however, based on a feeling for beauty and a love of display, was deeply influenced by belief in the mysterious powers attributed to most of them—those we rank as semi-precious as well as the more valuable varieties. Naturally, the semi-precious stones were much commoner and more available for engraving in earlier times, and some of them lack little of the beauty of their more favored kinsfolk.

In our own matter-of-fact days we hear little of the strange superstitions in which the subject is so rich. Some of us know our birthstones and that's about all. We like to consider ourselves superior to such fanciful notions, and the fact that men quite as wise as ourselves held them for thousands of years goes for nothing. It is we who represent the ultimate summit of human knowledge, and whatever we cannot understand and demonstrate must, of necessity, be absurd. This

for our theories and professions; and yet I think it is truly said that, even now, there is no man quite free from all manner of superstition. It may not go quite so far as belief, but it is there, all the same, if only as a left over by-product of intellectual development.

Dr. Kunz's handsome volume leads the way into this field of mystery, so fruitful to gem-lovers. He writes in easy, gossipy style and tells all manner of curious things drawn from the writers of many centuries and many races. It will be hard for the most "sensible," to fail to be interested, and the author's attitude is much more tolerant and modest than that of most of our self-confessed wise men. He seems not without a certain respect for what was once accounted as learning and knowledge, even though it does not co-ordinate with modern trends of thought. In other words, I gather he is quite willing to admit that things he cannot reason out may, nevertheless, have something of reason in them, an attitude that is both refreshing mentally and calculated to put spur to the reader's interest.

To give a more detailed idea of the scope of the book, the chapter heads offer the best and most authoritative means. The author treats of "Superstitions and Their Sources," "The Use of Precious and Semi-precious stones as

^{*}The Curious Lore of Precious Stones. By G. Frederick Kunz. 406p.illus.8vo. Lipp., \$5n.

Talismans and Armlets," "The Use of Engraved Gems as Talismans," "Ominous and Luminous Stones," "Crystal Balls and Crystal Gazing," "Religious Uses of Precious Stones," "Pagan, Hebrew and Christian Birth Stones," "Planetary and Astral Influences of Precious Stones;"—these and several other topics of a kindred character. The chapter on the breastplate of the Jewish High priests, and Dr. Kunz's speculations as to what became of this object, so superlatively interesting from the standpoints of theology, archæology, and art, are especially suggestive. That it may exist to-day, a prize de luxe for some fortunate excavator, is quite possible and decidedly

thrilling.

Criticism in a fault-finding sense seems ungracious, when applied to so excellent and attractive a piece of work. In the highly probable event, however, of later editions it might be well to suggest revision of some of the archæological data, unimportant, perhaps, from the standpoint of the general reader, but just as well to have right. In this connection, the scaraboid can hardly be said to have had an Egyptian origin, and the statements as to the development of the pseudo ring form signet stones seems to me a bit misleading since these are practically confined to the late Sassanian kingdom. Serapis did not signify Time nor did Isis, Earth, except so far as she represented the feminine principle in productive nature, and I cannot imagine where the author found authority for the statement that the Gemma Augustea, at Vienna, is the work of Dioskourides. These little slips and a few others like them detract nothing however, from the popular claim of the book. They are inseparable from all work which covers a wide field of research, and Dr. Kunz has certainly given us a mass of most enticing lore in a form that should appeal to a wide range of readers.

Duffield Osborne.

CROWDS.*

Mr. Gerald Stanley Lee opens his "moving picture of democracy" with a sort of confession of faith: "The three things with which I worship most my Maker in this present world!—the three things which it would be the breath of religion to me to offer to a God together—Cathedrals, Crowds and Machines." It is an opening paragraph which serves its purpose eminently well. It tells you within a minimum of space, just why Mr. Lee is so cheerfully optimistic, why he likes the life of to-day so cordially, and also why he is such a sweeping iconoclast of accepted and traditional views on art, literature and society at large. A man who can delight simultaneously in

Cathedrals, the symbol of yesterday, in Machines, the symbol of to-day, and in Crowds, which in Mr. Lee's belief symbolize the dawn of the millenium on earth, the triumphant democracy of to-morrow-such a man is a rare anomaly who must inevitably see things from a topsy-turvey angle. The truth is that Mr. Lee has set out to reconcile the irreconcilable; and consequently it is not surprising to find him taking issue in a more or less sweeping way with most of the writers who loom up rather largely in the literary firmament of to-day: with John Galsworthy and "his beautiful, sad, foggy camera;" with Arnold Bennett, "stitching faithfully, twentyfour hours a day, big curious tapestries of little things;" with G. K. Chesterton, "divinely swearing, chanting, gloriously contradicting;" and Bernard Shaw, "the eternal boy, throwing stones on the eternal curbstone of the world." There is a diverting cocksureness about Mr. Lee. He knows so positively what he likes and what he dislikes, and precisely why he does so. And he is sure of quite an astonishing number of things; he is sure, for instance, that if Leonardo da Vinci were living to-day, he would stop building bridges and painting Mona Lisas, and would write a book, "an exultant book about the common people." The first thought that came to the present reviewer was "How Ruskin would have hated this book!" and the second, "How marvelously it expresses the spirit of present-day America, with its machine civilization, its sky-scrapers, its huge, compact, irresistible forward drive of humanity in the mass, of the crowd as an entity, awakening to self-consciousness. It is a stimulating book, with a prevailing trick of saying things that refuse to be forgotten. It is, to some readers, an exasperating book, because the points on which we most violently take issue with him are the very points on which he is hardest to refute. And in any case, he has the effect of a good, strong, exhilirating tonic, helping us to crystalize our ideas, especially when we take the liberty of disagreeing with him.

Calvin Winter.

OSCAR WILDE.*

One of the kindly services that death does for us is to soften the perspective. In his lifetime, Oscar Wilde had no chance of being seen in his true light, as a rare pagan spirit born out of time; the world was too busy delving in the gutter-mud of scandal to spare a single grateful thought for the intellectual brilliance and the finely wrought gems of beauty that are scattered in profusion through his pages. It is a harsh comment on the narrow-mindedness and lack of generosity of the Anglo-Saxon public that hitherto Wilde has received

^{*}Crowds; a moving picture of democracy in five books; Crowds and machines; Letting the crowds be good; Letting the crowd be beautiful; Crowds and heroes; Good news and hard work. By Gerald Stanley Lee. 461p.12mo. Dou., P., \$1.35n.

^{*}Oscar Wilde. By Arthur Ransome. 234p.12mo. Kenn., 50 c.n.

a fairer hearing and a more intelligent appreciation in France than in England and America. And even to-day we are only too apt to hear the voice of prejudice say derisively, "What another book on Oscar Wilde? Why can't they let him be forgotten?" But that is precisely what the history of English letters cannot afford to allow to happen. Poseur,

faddist, eccentric in a hundred ways, Wilde nevertheless had his gleams of genius; and genius, whether in large dimensions or in small, is too rare a commodity in any one generation to be overlooked or scorned. For these reasons, we may well be grateful to Mr. Arthur Ransome for his admirably sane and discriminating little monograph. Without seeking to disguise or palliate the sordid and the unclean, without trying to glorify Wilde too sweepingly, he has shrewdly laid his finger on the few real and lasting achievements, and has been content to say with simple forcefulness, "Intentions, The Sphinx, The Ballad of Reading Gaol, Salome, The Importance of Being Earnest, one or two of the fairy tales and De Profundis, are surely enough with which to challenge the attention of posterity."

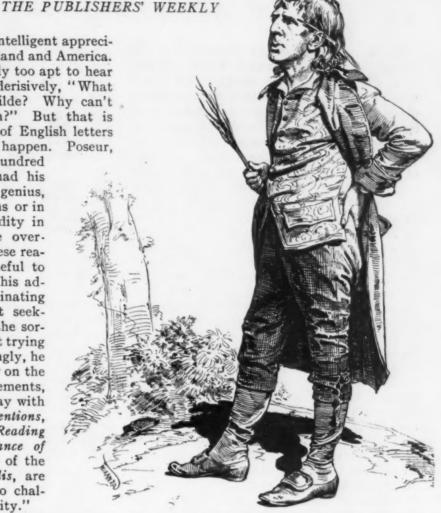
I could wish that this little volume might have a very wide circulation. To those already familiar with the subject of it, the wis-

dom and fairness of its judgments will bring a very genuine joy, while to others it will be a serviceable source of enlightenment. Mr. Ransome has distinct and clear-cut standards of art and aesthetics; he is broad-minded and logical, and while he has his enthusiasms, he never allows them to master him. He has the secret of critical self-restraint which cannot fail to appeal even to those readers who most strongly take issue with him.

Frederic Taber Cooper.

ACROSS UNKNOWN SOUTH AMERICA.*

Whenever a layman reads that one of the poles has been discovered, he is inclined to ask the question popularized by a New York cartoonist: "What are you going to do with it?" But it is no such region of midnight suns and melancholy ice-packs that A. H. Savage-Landor reveals to us in "Across Unknown South America," the account of his recent explorations. Speaking of Brazil, in which he spent the larger part of his eighteen months' trip, he says that it is "without exception the richest, the most wonderful country in the world; to my mind undoubtedly the conti-



JOHN T. RAYMOND AS ICHABOD CRANE IN "WOLFERT'S ROOST"
FROM "THE WALLET OF TIME." BY WILLIAM WINTER

Moffat, Yard & Co.

nent of the future." Coming from a seasoned explorer who has scoured both continents, this is, even allowing for considerable enthusiasm, a significant statement. In another place he says: "What a pity to see such a wonderful country go to waste! There was everything there, barring, perhaps, easy transport, to make the happiness and fortunes of thousands upon thousands of farmers—excellent grazing, fertile soil, good healthy climate and delicious and plentiful water—but the country was absolutely deserted."

The two large volumes are full of carefully observed facts relative to the social, geographical and industrial features of the countries through which he traveled. The climate, topography, flora and fauna, minerals, metals, waterways, soils, natives, languages, and scores of other important topics are discussed in the work. So valuable was the information which he secured that the Brazilian Government awarded him a grant of four thousand pounds sterling.

Aside from its scientific and industrial importance, the account presents to the general reader a remarkable narrative of adventure. In the face of ugly warnings about monstrous snakes, deadly fevers, and voracious canni-

^{*}Across Unknown South America. By A. H. Savage-Landor. 8 full-page illus. in col., numerous illus.fr.photos and maps.2v.8vo. Lit., B., \$10n.

bals, Mr. Savage-Landor plunged into the interior with but a handful of ignorant and vicious followers. One of his most noteworthy discoveries was that all this terror about the South American interior is ill founded. But dangers, hardships and miraculous happenings were abundant. In some cases they almost test the reader's credulity; at the very least they add to the evidence that truth is stranger than fiction. For instance, his men were on one occasion lowering a cumbrous wooden canoe down a terrific rapid in the Arinos river, when the ropes slipped from their grasp. "I saw the canoe give three or four leaps in the center of the channel and then disappear altogether. That was a sad moment for me. But as my eye roamed along the foaming waters, what was my surprise to see the canoe shoot out of the water in a vertical position at the end of the rapid and waterfall! That was the greatest piece of luck I had on that journey. By being flung out of the water with such force she naturally emptied herself of all the water she contained, and I next saw her floating, going round and round the whirlpool at the bottom of the rapid." Providence, in which the explorer lodged his trust, was kind, indeed, not only on this occasion, but on many others when mutiny, assassination, starvation, or the destruction of his instruments, records and photographs seemed imminent. That he survived, even "in broken health," is no little wonder. But he did, and has written an admirable and valuable account of his travels. Joseph Mosher.

HISTORY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.*

During the recent "Four Million Dollar Campaign" of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in New York City a moment of prayer for the success of the undertaking was participated in simultaneously by almost two million Association members in all parts of the globe. To such a powerful, strongly allied, and universal band of workers has developed the little society of twelve young men who met in London hardly more than a half century ago under the leadership of George Williams, a draper's clerk.

In 1854, just ten years after this modest beginning, the Y. M. C. A. had reached such proportions that an international meeting was held, in which representatives from the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Great Britain, Holland, Germany, France, and other European countries took part. In that same year delegates from nineteen American cities as widely separated as Portland, Me., New Orleans, and San Francisco met in Buffalo to form the Y. M. C. A. Alliance.

Such rapid growth was due to the vital need

*History of the North American Young Men's Christian Associations. By Rev. R. C. Morse. 304p.illus. ports.12mo. Assn. Press, 60c.n.

for the work which the organization set out to perform—a work of practical social uplift among the young people of the world. To-day in thousands of places from the straggling mining town of the American Northwest to the great metropolitan centers of Egypt, China and India the Y. M. C. A. is maintaining comfortable homes, furnishing employment, directing clean amusements, and offering educational opportunities for young men.

The "History of the North American Young Men's Christian Associations," recently written by the General Secretary, Mr. Richard C. Morse, gives a concise but remarkably informing account of Y. M. C. A. development. In addition to the discussion of the work from the American viewpoint, a considerable amount of space is devoted to the affairs of the Association in other lands. particularly interesting phase of Mr. Morse's treatment is his account of departmental activities, such as the student department, boys' work, extension among railroad men and into rural districts. Here he shows conclusively the beneficial results of specialization in aim and methods.

The history is written in text-book style, with systematic division under topical subheads, and a questionnaire appended to each chapter. It was primarily intended for the use of students, but anyone interested in the work of the Y. M. C. A. will find the work a convenient hand-book and in no wise unreadable, as the following quotation fairly indicates. "So that the Young Men's Christian Association of 1913 may be described as a world brotherhood of over one million young men and boys, resident in over fifty countries on all the continents, speaking fifty languages and dialects, banded together in some 9,000 cities, towns and smaller communities, extending to their fellow young men welcome and benefit in the name of Christ and according to His teaching and example, at a financial cost by these young men and their friends of over twelve million dollars annually. They have secured for proper equipment over one hundred million dollars, and have invested this chiefly in Association buildings. Five thousand workers are giving their lives as employed officers, and the resources of the brotherhood in competent men for service and money for equipment have been increasingsince the beginning of the twentieth centurywith a rapidity not before realized."

Joseph Mosher

POLAND OF TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY.*

There is no Poland. Austria, Germany, Russia blandly meet, their border lines fitting like well mended china—oh no, indeed, there's

^{*}Poland of To-day and Yesterday; a review of its history, past and present, and of the causes which resulted in its partition, together with a survey of its social, political, and economic conditions, to-day. By Nevin O. Winter. 48illus.8vo. Page, \$3m.

no such place as Poland. Why, just look on the map-take a microscope-you won't find any troublesome little country there in central Europe at all. So there is no Poland, and there are no Poles-they're all loyal Germans and Austrians and Russians, so loyal that when they were ordered to go into general mourning for Alexander III of Russia, they tied bits of crepe to the tails of their dogs. So loyal that when they were forbidden to fly the Polish colors of red and white they obediently took them down and flew the red and white Danish flag. An interesting thing about the Danish flag is that it can be folded to represent a Polish flag-an odd coincidence. Why, those loval Poles (only there are no Poles) will even gladly fly the Russian flag of red. white and blue. Unfortunately blue (of a certain kind) will fade, leaving only red and white, but that of course, can't be helped.

Poor little Poland! Killed and cut to pieces and not dead yet! And no wonder. Her history, as Mr. Winter gives it, shows why she is "so unconscionable a time a-dying." Poles are perhaps the most intense and fanatical liberty lovers of the world, and thereby they fell. For individual liberty was to them as sacred as national liberty. "Individualism," says Mr. Winter, "was the death of Poland." How this is true he ex-

plains at some length.

For sociological study Poland's history is a rich mine. On the dramatic side she has almost a fairy-tale flavor. What more amazing than the story of Bolislaw II, who fought his own battles and those of others with the spirit of "if there's any fight going on let me be in it," later wounded a bishop who rebuked him, and subsequently, excommunicated, dethroned and banished, crept into the forest and spent his last days doing menial work for the monks in a monastery. And how astonishing are the tales of the king who ran away and never came back, the king who wept to wear a crown and the king who abdicated and married a laundress!

He that knows not Polish history misses much. Apathetically he eats his Vienna roll without realizing that it owes its crescent shape to Kolszicki, who acted as a spy against the Turks and, as a reward, was given permission to open the first coffee-house in Vienna. How much more a Vienna roll

means to one who knows that tale!

Polish history makes a sudden dash across the Atlantic, back in 1775 or thereabouts, and twists a brilliant strand into the fabric of American history. For Kosciuszko, one of the great world heroes, helped America win her liberty. And how true a liberty lover he was is shown by the extract Mr. Winter gives from his will, in which he leaves all his American property for the purchase and education of negro slaves.

But Polish history does even more than enhance the flavor of Vienna rolls and establish a historic bond between ourselves and the little country which has ceased to be. It opens the way, as Mr. Winter points out, for a better understanding of all the little Mary Antins who are coming every day to the Promised Land. Our vital duty to-day toward Poland—or the memory of Poland—is to share with the Polish people the liberty Kosciuszko helped us to win, and at the same time work with them for that ideal liberty for which they have striven blindly but gloriously.

Doris Webb.

Voices of To-Morrow.*

More diverse personalities could hardly be collected within 328 pages than Edwin Bjorkman has chosen for interpretation in his latest book. Strindberg, Edith Wharton, Conrad, Herrick, and Gissing; Selma Lagerlöf, Björnstjerne Björnson, Francis Grierson, Maeterlinck, and Bergson. Yet, diverse as they are, they are shown to be travelling together along a path that leads beyond to-day, because, according to Mr. Bjorkman's interpretation of them, they all are possessed in part of that rare form of genius "which mirrors in its expressions, both what is and what will come, so that it implies not a one-sided development. but an organic fusion of some dualism that cuts all the rest of life in twain." And he interests himself in interpreting their various and varying presentments of "the manysided truth at the centre of things."

Perhaps the most valuable study in the book—unless we should except the leader on August Strindberg, carefully rewritten since its appearance in a magazine, by the authorized translator and most sympathetic interpreter of Strindberg in this country-is the triple study: The New Mysticism, with its critical appraisements of Its Prophet, Francis Grierson; Its Poet, Maurice Maeterlinck; Its Philosopher, Henri Bergson. Of them all Grierson, a native born American is perhaps the least known, and most of the material in this brief essay upon this "writer's writer" will be new and stimulating to the readers of it. These three men, whom Mr. Bjorkman identifies most intimately with the new mysticism by which the mind of race is most strongly moved just now, all see life as something fluid, progressively evolving, but never finally achieving. They all see "life as a striving and not as a holding—as a journey and not as an arrival." They see, coming out of the past hostility of mysticism to reason, "a blending of emotion and intellect from which will spring a still higher faculty capable of reaching closer to life's utmost confines and innermost

^{*}Voices of To-morrow; critical studies of the new spirit in literature. By Edwin Bjorkman. 328p.12mo. Kenn., \$1.50n.

recesses than either one of its constituent parts." Says Mr. Bjorkman: "We are beginning to see that our intellectual consciousness from which springs skepticism and its entire groundwork of inductive reasoning, always tends to run into a sharp point and end there. All such consciousness may be likened to an angle turned upward; beyond its apex there is nothing. Mysticism on the other hand may be represented by an angle standing on its apex and opening outward until all life may be included within its embrace. What we want is to join those two angles so that where they meet we get a focal point toward which converges all the past, and from which diverges the whole future with its infinity of unmeasured realities." The new mysticism demands a self-conscious investigator, who, to paraphrase Mr. Bjorkman, will admit that the heart has its own wireless system and will study it with all the keenness of which the head is capable; who is filled with a measureless tolerance of an unshakable confidence in humanity, who wants "to teach us how to soften the noise made by our reasons in order that we may catch the unspoken messages passing from the rest of life into our instincts and intuitions."

A stimulating and revealing group of modern studies.

Edna Kenton.

HISTORY OF THE DISCOVERY AND CONQUEST OF COSTA RICA.*

The Panama Canal, that fairy-tale reality, has awakened our entire nation to a renewed interest in our own particular Tropics, the Central American countries. We are studying them, asking for more knowledge, more understanding of their past and their future, and are also asking just where our duty lies as Big Brother to these irrepressible volatile children who seem always to be in hot water some way or other. The story of Spanish conquest of the Central American countries and the West Indian Islands has been one of blood, cruelty and wanton destruction. And yet we are apt to pat ourselves just a little too much on the back and to take credit to ourselves for having wiped out Spanish dominion in some quarters. It would pay any selflaudatory Anglo-Saxon to read the Introduction given this handsome volume on Costa Rica, by its translator. He does not attempt to palliate Spain's misdeeds but he reminds us gently that the history of English or French or Dutch conquest has just as much cruelty, just as much wanton despotism, just as much inhuman treatment of aboriginal inhabitants of conquered lands to show, as have Spain's records. He says some things regarding the morality of conquest generally which are well worth quoting:

*History of the Discovery and Conquest of Costa Rica. By R. Fernandez Guardia. Trans. by Harry Weston Van Dyke. 437p.illus.8vo. Crow., \$3n. "The vaunted superiority of any one group of men is usually but the offspring of national vanity and pride of race, . . if not indeed born of crass hypocrisy. Between the Conquistador of olden times, who despoiled the Indian of his gold, and the present-day speculator who ruins his fellow trader by a clever coup on the Stock exchange there is no great difference on the score of morality. If there is any, the advantage would seem to lie with the former, for his evil exploits were at least attended by the risk of death from a poisoned arrow or the thrust of a savage spear."

Setting clearly before us his own view on the subject, the translator then gives the floor to the narrator, Señor Guardia, a Costa Rican of prominence well versed in the records of his land, a student of Spain's history in the New World. With painstaking detail the history of each expedition is unrolled before us, a narration of intrigue, self-seeking, greed and cruelty, but also a story of much personal bravery, and a story of the genius that looks before the borders of the Known into the darkness of the Unknown and the hidden worlds that lie there. Some of the names well known to us in the history of Spanish conquest of our Western tropics fill their places in the story and we hear of others not so generally known. It is pleasant to hear of explorers and colonisers like Captain Calero and Padre Juan Estrada de Ravago, who left behind them memories of lands opened to civilization by methods of kindness, of savage and semi-savage races treated as brothers.

The book holds so much useful information, that it will prove a valuable work of reference now that Americans old and young are asking for a better knowledge of these countries lying at our door, these countries which in fact were the door through which our own highly developed civilization of to-day came to us. The handsome outer form of the volume, and the many interesting illustrations add to its value for the home or the library.

J. Marchand.

IN THE DELIGHTFUL dedication to "Simpson," Elinor Mordaunt, author, warns her readers—whether Simpsons or others—of the subject of her story: "To all Simpsonswhether spelt with 'p' or without—this book is dedicated: though they, and others, are warned of the fact that it deals almost entirely with love, so that those who feel no interest in this great passion, which still 'rules the camp, the court, the grove,' are recommended to the study of Blue Books, or other printed matter of that description. For myself I have always loved love: made a fine art of the practice of it: delighted to write of it. Thus, in dedicating this book to all Simpsons, I dedicate it most particularly to those who are, or study to become, lovers."



BIRTHPLACE OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, GREENFIELD, INDIANA FROM THE BIOGRAPHICAL EDITION OF THE WORKS OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY The Bobbs-Merrill Co.

Scott's "Last Expedition"; Riley's "Poems" Roosevelt's "Autobiography"

Three books of permanent importance reviewed by Fremont Rider, Justus Nye and Algernon Tassin

SCOTT'S LAST EXPEDITION.*

The north and south poles have been discovered, the climaxes of three centuries of polar exploration, and the accounts of their heroic conquest against nature's heaviest odds have been added to the long previous list of arctic and antarctic records. Yet there is little doubt that, in interest and appeal, this last of them-this record of a man who tried and supremely failed-will outlive them all. For Scott's narrative (and it is with the first volume of the present work—his journals that we are most concerned) is, of all polar narratives, the most disingenuous. Never written with the thought that it would come to verbatim publication, it moves onward to the final grim tragedy with the blind, hurrying relentlessness of fate itself, and the very absence of striving for literary effect, its utter simplicity of phrase, will, I venture, make it a classic of English literature as well as of English exploration.

It is the very humanness of Scott and his men, their weakness if you will, that make his record an inspiration. For, unless one is far wrong in one's analysis of those wonderful final days' entries in the Journal, it was disappointment, a breaking down of hitherto indomitable spirit, that was the chief contributing factor in the collapse of the polar party. True, the weather was unprecedentedly severe, the accidents suffered most unfortunate, the difficulties encountered most unexpected; but one cannot help feeling that if Amundsen's black flag had not been hanging at their goal they would eventually have pushed back to safety undaunted and successful.

Surely no polar expedition ever set out more thoroughly and carefully equipped. It was a scientific expedition preeminently, research first, the pole second. As Scott writes in an entry while in winter quarters:

Oct. I don't know what to think of Amundsen's chances. If he gets to the Pole it must be before we do, as he is bound to travel fast with dogs and pretty certain to start early. On this account I decided at a very early date to do exactly as I should have done had he not existed. Any attempt to race must have wrecked my plan, besides which it doesn't appear the sort of thing one is out for.

So the party was one of scientists, trained in biology, medicine, geology, and meteorology,

^{*}Scott's Last Expedition. The journals of Capt. R. F. Scott; reports of other members of his expedition, etc. 2v.illus.8vo. Dodd, \$10n.

and with all the necessary equipment for research and scientific investigation. When one sees in the winter quarters acetylene gas lighting, telephones, typewriters, moving picture machines and laboratory apparatus one feels that in these latter days the explorer truly takes civilization with him.

In one respect Scott broke away from polar tradition and experience: he supplemented dog team transportation with both ponies and motor sledges.* And, though he speaks continually hopefully of the possibilities of each, the record as a whole gives the impression of disappointing actualities. The sledges developed mechanical troubles which could not possibly have been forseen, and the bitter weather and hard going encountered crippled

the ponies where the dogs thrived.

To splendid equipment was added a most loyal and efficient personnel, and one of the finest things about the Journal is the way Scott goes out of his way continually to praise his men. Wilson is "really the finest character I ever met... solid and dependable." Bowers "is... absolutely trustworthy and prodigiously energetic." "Clissold's work of cooking has fallen on Hooper and Lashlay and... maintains its excellence. It is splendid to have people who refuse to recognize difficulties." Scott must have been a great leader, for never had one more devoted and

self-sacrificing lieutenants. Long before the end some premonition of it must have come to Scott. On the way up Beardmore Glacier he sends back by one of the supporting parties "Things are not as rosy as they might be, but we keep up our spirits and say the luck must turn." This was Dec. 10th. Steadily, through unrelenting storms, at an altitude of 10,000 feet and a temperature constantly far below zero. the Pole came nearer. On Jan. 13th he writes: "Only 51 miles from the Pole to-night If we don't get to it we shall come d--d close;" and on January 15th, "Only 27 miles from the Pole. We ought to do it now." We can only guess the shock of disappointment when next day, they came on Amundsen's sledge tracks, and, on the following, found his tent and flag. For the first time a note akin to despair creeps into the Journal: "Great God! this is an awful place and terrible enough for us to have labored to it without the reward of priority. . . . Now for the run home and a desperate struggle. I wonder if we can do it."

The return trip—an odyssey of brave despair—began Jan. 19th and ended Mar. 29th. For a time the weather favored and good progress was made, but the party was weakening, Evans and Oates of the five showing it worst. The weather continued to improve

and, the scientific spirit of the expedition strong, some geological prospecting was done. But next day their way was lost and before, after several days stumbling, they came to their next depot, Evans succumbed. More storms; food shortage; fuel shortage; frost bites and continued weakening. On Mar. 3d,

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FACSIMILE REPRODUCTION OF THE LAST WORDS
PENCILLED IN CAPTAIN SCOTT'S DIARY, FOUND
BESIDE HIS BODY EIGHT MONTHS LATER
FROM "SCOTT'S LAST EXPEDITION"

Dodd, Mead & Co.

Scott writes: "God help us, we can't keep up this pulling, that is certain. Amongst ourselves we are unendingly cheerful, but what each man feels in his heart I can only guess." On Mar. 11th: "Oates is very near the end, one feels. What we or he will do, God only knows. We discussed the matter after breakfast; he is a brave, fine fellow and understands the situation, but he practically asked for advice. Nothing could be said but to urge him to march as long as he could. One practical result to the discussion; I practically ordered Wilson to hand over the means of ending our troubles to us, so that anyone of us may know how to do so. Wilson had no choice between doing so and our ransacking the medicine case. We have 30 opium tabloids apiece." (They were not used, however). On Mar. 16th, Oates, knowing he went to his doom, walked out into the blizzard that his death might perhaps save his companion's lives.

On Mar. 29th is the entry: "Since the 21st, we had a continuous gale . . . We had fuel to make two cups of tea apiece and bare food

^{*}The latter had been tried out tentatively by Charcot in 1908 and in Norway in 1909-10.

for two days on the 20th. Every day we have been ready to start for our depot eleven miles away but outside . . . it remains a whirling drift. . . . It seems a pity, but I do not think I can write more. (Signed) R. Scott. And then follows the pitifully brief postscript "For God's sake look after our people." All three were found eight months later in the attitude of sleep, Scott evidently having died last. His note books were in a wallet under his shoulders.

The newspaper accounts have already made the above story, even the very wording, familiar; but no repetition can ever dull its simple power, and read as a whole the Journal is a unique narrative of heroism. Scott need not have written. "Had we lived I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman." Nothing he could have written could have stirred more than what he calls "these rough notes."

Besides the adequate maps a special word should be said of the illustrations. Eighteen are in color and these are, on the whole, it must be confessed, disappointingly blotchy. Splendid amends are made, however by the half-tone illustrations (particularly those in tint) nearly 300 in number, and every one clear cut. The indoor flash lights are most admirable in the insight they give into the everyday life of the expedition; and the exteriors, especially those in the side light of the low-lying arctic sun, are altogether excellent.

Fremont Rider.

COMPLETE WORKS OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY. BIOGRAPHICAL EDITION.*

Whether James Whitcomb Riley goes down into distant literary history as a halfforgotten writer of dialect verse or, as some of his more fervent admirers proclaim, one of the great American poets, is something that posterity alone can judge-and posterity is still a long way off! Certainly few writers have ever had a more loyal public or have written verse appealing to a wider audience or with a human appeal more ingenuous and ingratiating. Beyond hazarding the easy prophecy that such of his children's poems as "Little Orphant Annie" will be read and quoted and loved long after some of his more pretentious verses for grown-ups are gone to oblivion, one dares not attempt prediction.

So it is fitting that, while Mr. Riley is still with us, attempt should be made to bring together and publish in adequate and comprehensive form, subject to his own selection and emendation, his life work. The work has been done by his regular publishers and these

Of course Mr. Riley's work as a whole is too well known to need even commendation. The noteworthy feature of this new edition of his work is a large amount of material hitherto unpublished in book form. It is understood that when the more than two hundred virtually new poems in this edition are published Mr. Riley will have put the whole body of his work into the final form in which he wishes it to remain. Obviously it becomes an interesting question why this definitive edition has been undertaken just at the present time. It seems that, one day, more than a year ago, during his convalescence from a serious illness, Mr. Riley expressed a sick man's desire once again to see a poem he had written in an earlier day-a day when The Anderson Democrat printed a Riley poem more casually than it ever did its fervid editorial leaders. Immediately Mr. Eitel, the poet's nephew and secretary, who has edited this new Biographical Edition, was dispatched to the little Indiana town to find the poem in question.

This poem, when found, was so distinctly worthwhile and Mr. Eitel was so astonished and pleased with it that further search was instituted. Mr. Riley himself, it is true, was skeptical of the value of anything that might be found in the yellowish files of various old and discontinued newspapers, but he gave his sanction to the undertaking. He began to recall that there were a number of poems existing which he would wish either definitely to suppress or to place among his published verse with such explanation as would put them in their proper light.

Then developed the plan of going through Riley's correspondence from the earliest times with the idea of collecting what information there might be in regard to these virtually new poems. This in turn led to fresh discoveries of matter. The memories of Mr. Riley's friends were pressed into service, garrets were ransacked, the sad evidence of papers long since suspended was taken into account. The result was that there were found four hundred poems by Riley which have never appeared in any book. This new verse Mr. Riley himself definitely passed upon, for one reason and another suppressing

six finely appointed, carefully edited volumes are the result. In Lockerbie street in Indianapolis, where Mr. Riley lives, they celebrated his birthday last month—a remarkable personal tribute. No one who saw that enthusiastic gathering of thousands of children could fail of understanding at least a part of the vital significance the name of Riley bears, not alone for those sturdy, humorous, self-reliant Hoosiers whom he has portrayed within the covers of his books, but for all the great world of people who love whatsoever is natural, unaffected, instinctive in human life.

^{*}Complete Works of James Whitcomb Riley. Ed. by Edm. H. Eitel. Biographical edition. 6v.illus.8vo. Bobbs., \$12n.; \$18n.; \$24n.

one hundred and eighty of the pieces; but leaving about two hundred and twenty to be published for the great body of his readers.

The surest way of proving how vital and intrinsically worth while many of these newly discovered poems are would be to quote from them; but, alas, when one commences quoting from Riley it is terribly difficult to stop. Suffice it that any writer could have made his reputation on them alone: they are the overflow of some of Riley's most fertile years, with all his kindly humor, his instinctive simplicity, his homely tender-

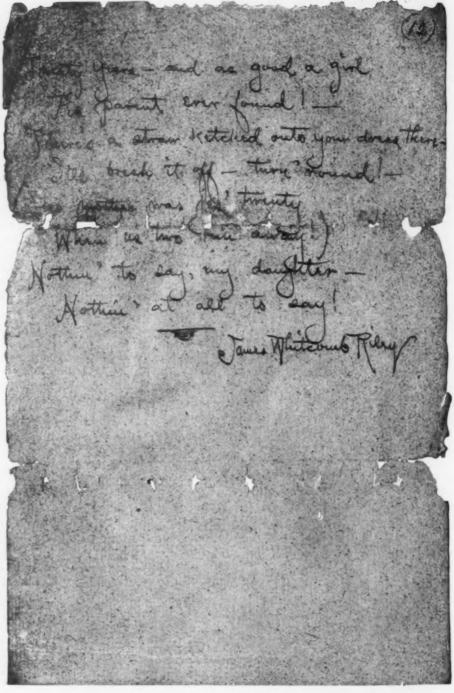
The physical and editorial makeup of this Biographical edition is fitting. Elaborate notes at the back of each volume supply the circumstances surrounding the writing of each of the poems, while a sketch of Mr. Riley's life, largely in his own words, furnishes a clear survey of his life and literary career. There are indexes-by titles, first lines and subjectsand a comprehensive bibliography. More than a word might well be said of the numerous illustra-

tions. They include several hitherto unpublished portraits, and numerous and oftentimes extended facsimile reproductions of the original manuscripts of many of the best known Riley poems.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.*

"The trouble with Blank," says Mr. Roosevelt, somewhere in the 600 pages of his autobiography, "is that he misestimates his relation to cosmos." If that is the trouble with Mr. Roosevelt, it is not because—like the politician to whom he addressed the

*Theodore Roosevelt: An Autobiography. 659p. illus. ports. 8vo. Macm. \$2.50n.



FACSIMILE OF THE AUTOGRAPHED CLOSE OF "NOTHIN" TO SAY"

FROM THE BIOGRAPHICAL EDITION OF THE WORKS OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

The Bobbs-Merrill Co.

remark—he doesn't remember whether he has ever met Cosmos or not. The autobiography of a man who has touched life on all sides, indeed prodded it with joyous vigor, cannot fail to be interesting or to reveal a definite theory of the universe.

In this theory and these impressions stated upon his memory with equal definiteness of every thing and person and idea he has met, there is naturally little room for subtleties. A mind and temper which has been engaged all its life in finding the highest common denominator of a cowboy, and Senator Lodge, and Miss Jane Addams, and Battling Nelson

must be—using the term in its larger meaning—essentially commonplace. It must, that is, react upon its environment in the customary human way; in a more lively and emphatic way, it is true, but for all its individuality of manner, the same. As for liveliness—well, by no stretch of the imagination could one include Mr. Roosevelt in the list of those whose thoughts lose the name of action or who say "Let us do nothing about anything until we learn something more of it."

His Autobiography ceases with his presidency. Consequently many very interesting matters he does not touch upon at all. Nor will any of his earlier revelations make the ordinarily well-informed person gasp, for at the outset he tells a breathless and expectant world that certain chapters in his history cannot now be written. As was to be expected and perhaps even desired, much of the book is devoted to an explanation and defence of "my policies." As was also to be expected and perhaps desired, much of it reads like a Progressive speech and sounds of the platform. But who wants Mr. Roosevelt to be anything else than downright, heavyfisted, and intensely personal in his auto-

biography?

Lucid he is always, and in the chapters of his boyhood and early manhood, winning. He thinks his father got more joy out of life than any one else he ever knew, and was the only man he was ever afraid of. Even as a child, the impossible menagerie of Swiss Family Robinson put him out of patience with the book. Though he says he was a sickly boy with no bodily prowess, his handwriting seems even then to have been remarkably firm and assertive. Because of his physical weakness he toiled long at boxing lessons. He felt that he derived little from college. His cowboy experience reinforced in him the opinion that criminals are just the same kind of people as the rest of us, and after they have been punished should be given a chance. As a youthful politician, he saw many good specimens of that type of boss who in a rough and ready way is a father to his district. He gives many instances of his extraordinary sagacity and tact in handling situations—as when he had an anti-Semitic foreign agitator protected from riot during his crusade against the Jews, by a cordon of Jewish policemen. There are no four months of his life which he surveys with more pride and satisfaction than the period of his Cuban service. He gives a list of the prize fighters he met who struck him as having the stuff of good citizenship, and one of the number of birds to be seen about Sagamore Hill. He thinks a statesman should read poetry and novels, the Hebrew prophets and

the Greek dramatists, and all books on history and government. He believes that some books are good at one time and some at another. He thinks that under his presidency we accomplished more good and came nearer realizing the possibilities of a great, free, and conscientious democracy than in any other era except that of Lincoln and of Washington. He feels as he looks back upon his life that everything he has won was the product of hard labor and the exercise of his best judgment and ability long in advance. "No man," he says, "can lead a public career really worth leading or afford to make powerful and unscrupulous enemies if he has anything in his life he fears to have known."

One finishes the volume with a renewed impression of how picturesque and commanding a personality is Mr. Roosevelt's, and how wise it is for an energetic nature to view life in its simplest terms. Potent for good can be the enviable temperament which is cock-sure of everything, and which can sincerely dispose of every antagonistic utterance as indicative of "mental weakness or moral twist." It is not given to every strong, well-meaning man to perceive unerringly the "lunatic fringe on every reform movement," and triumphantly stop short of it.

Algernon Tassin



"DEATH SHALL COME FAST TO THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED NGOKA'S CURSE"

FROM "THE MAN BETWEEN"

BY W. A. FROST

Doubleday, Page & Co.

The MONTH'S NEW BOOKS

A classified and selected list of the new books of all publishers published November 15th to December 7th inclusive. The accompanying annotations are descriptive rather than critical, are intended to be unbiased, and are mainly informative of the scope and purpose of the book noted. If an entry is not annotated it means either that the Book Review has received no copy of the book for notice or that the publication is one of slight importance or limited appeal.

Illustrated Holiday Gift Books

THE RUSSIAN BALLET. By A. E. Johnson. Illus. by René Bull. 240p.fol. H. Miff. \$7.50n.

Handsome holiday book giving the stories of sixteen elaborate ballets in the repertoire of Pavlova and the remarkable Russian dancers whose international success has been so marked. There are fifteen illustrations in full color and many more in black and white.

THE MAN WHO FOUND CHRISTMAS. By Walt. Prichard Eaton. 57p.front.12mo. Mc-B., N. 50c.n.

Wallace Miller had for some years joined five other New York bachelors in their "To-Hell-With-the-Merry-Yule-Tide Association" dinner on Christmas eve, but this year he suddenly felt he could not. So he went to the Grand Central, some days before Christmas, decided on a destination at random and went to find Christmas in North Topsville, in New England. Though he had never been there before and knew no one in the village, still there he found friends, the woman of his dreams and a real Christmas.

Under the Christmas Stars. By Grace L. S. Richmond. Illus. [in col.] by Alice Barber Stephens. 55p.12mo. Dou., P. 50c.n.; \$1n.

Molly is different from the wives of the other Fernald boys who come together with their families for Christmas at the old New England homstead. For Ralph was not contented, like his brothers, with a prim, narrow-minded woman for a wife. Suspicion had been aroused by the mere knowledge that Molly was a Westerner, but suspicion was changed to open hostility, and open hostility to a family quarrel at the sight of her. The men, attracted by her genuineness, avowed her charming!—their wives disliked her Western ways, How a little child, born under the Christmas stars, united this divided family and changed a quarrelsome meeting into the jolliest of reunions makes the story.

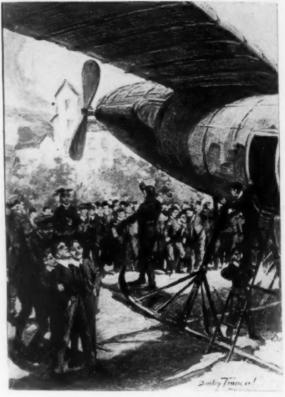
THE WONDERFUL ADVENTURES OF NILS. By Selma Lagerlöf. Fr. the Swedish; trans. and ed. by Velma Swanston Howard. [New ed.] Illus. by Mary Hamilton Frye. 278p.8vo. Dou., P. \$2.5on.

THE CHRISTMAS BISHOP. By Winifred Kirkland. Illus. by Louise G. Morrison. 154p.12mo. Small \$1n.

Story of a great-hearted Episcopal bishop who passes a certain Christmas of his life in what seem to him three hopeless attempts to make things go right for the three human beings with whom in succession his day is chiefly passed. How his influence made itself felt in reality, in contrast to his own ignorance of its value, is the burden of the story.

Tales from Washington Irving's Travel-Ler. Illus. in col. by Geo. Hood. 235p. 8vo. Lipp. \$2.50n.

Handsomely illustrated, printed and bound holiday edition.



FROM "THE AIR KING'S TREASURE"
BY CLAUDE GRAHAME WHITE
Funk & Wagnalls Co.

FROSTY FERGUSON, STRATEGIST. By Lowell Hardy. Illus. by Will Crawford. 80p. 16mo. Lane. 50c.n.

Bat Henderson rescued from a watery grave a stranger, Mr. Nanny, and thereafter had him a constantly fault-finding resident on his ranch. Bat rebels, consults his friend Frosty Ferguson, as to how to get rid of Nanny; but no sooner have they apparently succeeded, than loneliness settles on Bat, and when Nanny unexpectedly reappears under extraordinary circumstances on Christmas morning, Bat and Frosty gladly welcome him.

W. Heath Robinson. 300p.4to. Holt \$3.50n.

Charmingly illustrated in color and black and white.

Fiction

THE VALLEY OF THE MOON. By Jack London. Front. in col. by Geo. Harper. 530p. 12mo. Macm. \$1.35n.

Hero is a teamster, prize-fighter, adventurer and man of affairs, and the romance which develops out of his meeting with Saxon does not end with their marriage. They go through hard times and severe trials during the labor troubles in Oakland, and finally start on foot through the country, looking for a new home. At last, after several stops, they find in the Valley of the Moon the place they have dreamed of, and settle down to a sane and happy and prosperous life.

LAHOMA. By John Breckenridge Ellis. Illus. by W. B. King. 369p.12mo. Bobbs-M. \$1.25n.

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By author of "Fran." A girl reared by rugged, elemental men of the western frontier, living out her childhood in mountain hollow and cabin; sent to a city to learn its ways—and developing into a lovely woman, is the heroine, Lahoma. When Brick Willock saved her and her stepfather from the band of outlaws to which he himself belonged, there was started a trail of hate and revenge. Brick after years is traced by the outlaws and his rescue is the climax of a series of exciting incidents involving Lahoma, her lover, and an Indian ch ef.

GENERAL JOHN REGAN. By "G. A. Birming-ham." 319p.12mo. Doran \$1.20n.

A stranger comes to a remote Irish village; he comes in search of an Irish hero whose very existence to the inhabitants is problematic. They, however, are too proud to own that they have never heard of so distinguished a countryman. The stranger, on the other hand, has simply invented the Irish hero in order to supply sport for himself, since time hangs heavy on his hands. Out of this situation develop a series of comic complications. Story has been dramatized and is now being played in New York.

DEUCES WILD. By Harold MacGrath. 144p.

To enter an apartment by mistake and find his best friend masked and looting a safe is the astonishing adventure which befalls Mortimer Forbes on his way to an evening of poker. Why his friend did it and the parts played by a lovely girl, an Irish detective, and a saturnine valet, make the plot of this amusing little story, whose incidents occupy a single night.

THE DOMINANT PASSION; a novel. By Marguerite Bryant. 466p.12mo. Duff. \$1.35n.

Story of a London artist, Andrea Bradon, whose passion of creation dominates his life. For his sins against his fellows he feels regret, but sins against art fill him with misery. He alienates his son and comes between his cousin Anthony and his wife, a beautiful woman whose inspiration Andrea believes he needs in in his work. She averts a tragedy only by destroying the manuscript of her book, the thing dearest to her in the world. By author of "Christopher Hibbault, roadmaker." roadmaker.

GLORY OF YOUTH. By Temple Bailey. Illus. by H: Hutt & C. S. Corson. 331p.12mo. Penn \$1.25n.

Should an engagement bind two people who have discovered that they do not love each other? Here is the theme of this love story in which four lives are tangled. Two women there are who do not know their own hearts until too late—two men who know where their happiness lies and are bound by their code of honor not to seek it. The comedy runs perilously near to tragedy before a puff of wind clears away the clouds, and in bringing tears brings happiness and content.

THE MILLIONAIRE. By Edn. Bateman Morris. Illus. by Coles Phillips & Ralph L. 354p.12mo. Penn \$1.25n.

There are prizes in life that money cannot buy. The love of a good woman is one of them. Morgan Holt, inheritor of many millions, preferred to come to hand grips with the world and conquer a place in it, as his ancestors had done, without the aid of his money. This is the story of how in a little Virginia town he set out to prove his worth, and win for himself the best in life.

A MAID OF THE KENTUCKY HILLS. By E. C. Litsey. Illus. by J. Cassel. 38op.12mo. Browne \$1.25n.

A young man who breaks down in health goes to Kentucky to live an outdoor life among the hills. While there he meets a native girl, who is ignorant and unducated but extremely beautiful. He falls in love with her and teaches her to read and write. Her mountaineer lover resents "the city chap's" wooing and tries to put him out of existence, but does not succeed. He wins the girl and in the end regains his health.

THE SPIDER'S WEB. By Reginald Wright Kauffman. Illus. by Jean Paleologue. 409p.12mo. Moff., Y. \$1.35n.

Completes a cycle of four novels, "The house of bondage," "The sentence of silence," and "Running sands" being the other three. All are arraignments of the present social system, this one being concerned with the fight of Luke Huber against the money trust, which controls politics and business. Coming to New York full of ideals to work in the district attorney's office, he finds he cannot be honest and remain there, so he resigns. Then he is nominated for district attorney by the Municipal Reform League, finds graft there also, and leaves them to devote himself to his manufacturing business, only to be hounded by the powers he has defied.

A MESALLIANCE. By "Katharine Typen."

A MESALLIANCE. By "Katharine Tynan." 270p.12mo. Duff. \$1.25n.

Ralph Bretherton is summoned to the lovely country place, Littlecombe, by the widow of his favorite cousin.

His acquaintance with his cousin's widow, his love affair with a younger girl, and his eventual marriage with the widow, which he does not, though the world does, consider a mesalliance, make the story.

THE STRANGER AT THE GATE; a story of Christmas. By Mrs. Mabel Osgood Wright. Front. in col. by H. C. Wall & 20 decorations by Bertha Stuart. 305p. Christmas.

20 decorations by Bertha Stuart. 305p. 12mo. Macm. \$1.25n.

An Orienta student of domestic life in various countries presents a letter of introduction to a moneyabsorbed business man shortly before the holidays. This letter comes from such an important factor in the man's life that he cannot ignore it and so, chaing at the idea of wasting time upon an altruist and a dreamer, he invites the scholar to his New York home. Unforseen circumstances bring about a series of rapid happenings with swiftly changing scenes during the week of the Stranger's stay, which blend in a little drama of laughter, tears and a bit of mystery. Who the Stranger was is left for the reader to answer.

Molly Beamish. By H. De Vere Stacpoole. 196p.front.incol.12mo. Duff. \$1.25n.

How lovely Molly Beamish was flouted by the fashionable world at Tunbridge Wells, in the morning, and before midnight became the envy of them all, is told in this sprightly little love-tale of eighteenth century England.

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